

**MINUTES**  
**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

NOVEMBER 3, 1987

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Hollywood Business License Commission held on the above date in the City Council Chambers of West Hollywood City Hall, 8615 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA, was called to order at 7:14 p.m., by Commission Chair Lester Hirsch.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bruce Stinshoff.

C. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch, Smith

Commissioners Absent: Stribling

Staff Present: Paul Self, Business License Officer; Deputy Early Lincoln, L.A. County Sheriff's Licensing Detail.

D. Approval of Agenda

**Action:** To approve agenda as written.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Ellis)  
Motion Carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes

**Action:** To table to next meeting.  
(Motion: Ellis Second: Smith)  
Motion Carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A. BLC-87-023  
Kenneth MacKenzie dba 'Paris House'  
Application for renewal of Model Studio business license  
(Continued from 10-20-87.)

Staff report by Self.

Testimony For:

1. Bob DePiano, West Hollywood  
Attorney for the Licensee

Deputy Lincoln recommended that models of the licensed business be employees rather than independent contractors to avoid employees being forced to work on a 'tip' system.

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Testimony Against:

1. Andrea Gifford, West Hollywood
2. Konstantin Zisle, West Hollywood
3. Ben Griffith , Van Nuys
4. Rita Schmoeler, Los Angeles
5. Jeanne Mayer Smith, West Hollywood
6. Ralph Yoder, Los Angeles

Other Testimony:

1. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
2. Stephen Michael, West Hollywood

**Action:** To continue hearing to the regular Commisison meeting of December 1, with a request that the Licensee and Manager of the licensed business appear.

(Motion: Ellis, Second: Smith)  
Motion Carried unanimously.

- B. BLC-87-019  
Wachs Corporation. dba 'Madedo Restaurant'  
Application for Entertainment-General business  
license.  
(Continued from September 15, 1987.)

Staff Report presented by Self.

**Action:** To continue the hearing to the regular meeting of December 1.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Ellis)  
Motion Carried unanimously.

Commission recessed at 8:39 p.m.  
Meeting resumed at 8:52 p.m.

- C. BLC-87-024  
JVL Books, Inc. dba Casanova's Adult World  
Application for renewal of Bookstore-Adult business  
license

Staff report by Self.

Applicant Testimony:

1. Norman Atkins, Attorney for the Licensee.

Testimony For: None.

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Testimony Against:

1. Andrea Gifford, West Hollywood.
2. Melissa Shapiro, Los Angeles
3. Konstantin Zisle, West Hollywood
4. Ben Griffith, Van Nuys

Other Testimony:

1. Stephen Michael, West Hollywood
2. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

**Action:** To continue the hearing to the regular Commission meeting of December 1, pending correction of outstanding Building and Safety code violations.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Ellis)

Ellis: Yes  
Forbes: No  
Smith: Yes  
Hirsch: No

Motion Failed.

**Action:** To continue the hearing to the regular meeting of January 5, 1988, pending correction of outstanding Building and Safety code violations.

(Motion: Forbes, Second: Hirsch)

Motion amended by Commissioner Hirsch to require Licensee to close passageway between 7766 and 7768 Santa Monica. Amendment withdrawn.

**Action:** To condition approval of renewal of License that Licensee seal off entryway between 7766 and 7768 Santa Monica Blvd.

(Motion: Forbes, Second: Smith)  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

- D. BLC-87-025  
Joseph Valenti dba 'Venus Picture Arcade'  
Application for renewal of Picture Arcade-Adult  
business license

Applicant Testimony:

1. Norman Atkins, Attorney for the Licensee.

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Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against:

1. Melissa Shapiro, Hollywood
2. Andrea Gifford, West Hollywood
3. Konstantin Zisle, West Hollywood

Other Testimony:

1. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
2. Stephen Michael, West Hollywood

**Action:** To continue the hearing to an Accusation hearing at a date to be set by City Staff.

(Motion: Ellis, Second: Forbes)  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

IV. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Hirsch noted with appreciation the increased participation by members of the public.

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ellis discussed noticing requirements and need for additional staffing for the Commission. Commissioner Hirsch appointed Commissioners Ellis and Smith to prepare memo to staff addressing Commissioners' staffing concerns.

Commissioner Forbes asked staff to research what "Other Testimony" means as it appears on the Commission agenda.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

1. Ben Griffith, Van Nuys
2. Stephen Michael, West Hollywood
3. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
4. Hal Mintz, West Hollywood

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**Action:** To adjourn to the next regular meeting of November 17, 1987.

(Motion: Forbes, Second: Ellis)  
Motion Carried unanimously.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

*Lester Hensed*

CHAIR

*Paul Kelly*

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT