

MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

OCTOBER 20, 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 7:05 p.m., by Commission Chair Lester Hirsch.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Stribling.
- B. Commissioner Stribling was sworn in by Staff member Self.

C. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch, Smith, Stribling

Commissioners Absent: None

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 approve the Minutes of September 15, 1987.

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

II. ITEMS FROM THE CITIZENS

1. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Noted to the Commission that the agenda did not include the dates of the minutes which were approved by the Commission.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. BLC-87-023
Kenneth MacKenzie dba 'Paris House'
Application for renewal of Model Studio business license
(Continued from 9-15-87.)

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Staff report by Self.

Action: TTo continue the hearing to the regular meeting of November 3, 1987.

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

- B. BLC-87-026
The Body Shop, Inc. dba 'The Body Shop'
Application for renewal of Entertainment-Adult business license.

Staff Report presented by Self.
Deputy Lincoln corrected the 'Notice of Posting' form to state that Notices were posted along Sunset Blvd., rather than Santa Monica Blvd.

Public Hearing opened at 7:25 p.m.

Testimony For:

1. Bernice Altschul, West Hollywood
2. Stephen Michael, West Hollywood
3. Charles Mercer, West Hollywood

Testimony Against: None

Other Testimony:

1. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Action: To approve the renewal of the Entertainment-Adult business license for The Body Shop, Inc. with the following condition:

1. The Licensee must distribute or must make available to patrons of the establishment "safe-sex" literature; that is, literature which provides information on sexual practices which avoid the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, as a condition of the renewal of their Adult Entertainment license.

(Motion: Forbes, Second: Smith)

Ellis: Aye
Forbes: Aye
Hirsch: Aye
Smith: Aye
Stribling: Abstain

Motion Carried.

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- C. BLC-87-027, 028
Dreams Unlimited, Inc. dba 'Tap Movie Arcade'
Application for renewal of Picture Arcade-Adult and
Bookstore-Adult business licenses.

Staff report presented by Self and Deputy Lincoln.

Commissioners Hirsch and Smith indicated that they had
visited the site.

Testimony For:

1. Donald Miller, North Hollywood (applicant)
2. James Cuesta, North Hollywood (manager)

Testimony Against:

1. John McAsh, Los Angeles
2. Rhonda Zisle, West Hollywood

Other Testimony:

None

Public Hearing closed at 8:06 p.m.

Action: To renew the Picture-Arcade Adult and
Bookstore-Adult business licenses to Dreams Unlimited,
Inc. with the following conditions:

1. The Licensee must distribute or must make
available "safe-sex" literature, that is,
literature which provides informaiton on sexual
practices which avoid the spread of sexually
transmitted diseases, as a condition of the
renewal of the Picture Arcade-Adult and
Bookstore-Adult licenses.
2. The Licensee must correct all Building and Safety
code violations within 30 days of the decision of
the Commission.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commission Goals and Objectives

Action: To set a Study Session on the goals and
objectives of the Business License Commission for
January 12, 1988 (date tentative).

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IV. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Hirsch addressed the issue of staff and agency recommendations and said that the recommendations on business license applications and renewals are technical and narrow and do not necessarily reflect the impact of the license on the General Plan and aesthetics of the environment around the proposed business location. Said this is the purpose of the Commission.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commission discussed information presented to them on occupancy load requirements set by the Fire Department. Staff explained Fire Department's reporting requirements. Commissioner Forbes also explained how occupancy loads are determined.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff distributed training materials to Commission members who were unable to attend the recent training for commissions conducted by the Center For Excellence in Local Government. Staff also distributed an updated hearings calendar. Staff gave Commissioners information on current taxicab licensing issues.

The Commission directed staff to research the issue of licensing limousines and buses to determine whether the City can license and regulate limousines and buses and what are the current procedures used by the Public Utilities Commission to license and regulate limousines and buses.

Staff also reviewed the success of the new Peddler's licensing requirements.

Staff also brought to the Commission the suggestion of removing the second "Items From Citizens" portion of the Business License Commission agenda, as is currently done by the City's Planning and Transportation Commissions.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

1. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood.

Addressed Commission regarding preparation of the Commission packet, taxicab licensing, and limiting citizen input.

2. Hal Mintz, West Hollywood

Addressed the Commission on taxicab licensing and process used in reviewing business license for TAP Movie Arcade.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn the meeting to the regular Commission meeting of November 3, 1987.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Lester Givich.

CHAIR

Paul Kelly

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT