

MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

JANUARY 5, 1988

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

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Budd Kops.

C. Roll Call:

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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

D. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda placing Item III.B. before Item III.A.

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

E. Approval of Minutes

Action: To approve minutes of December 15, 1987, adding Item III.C. where appropriate in the minutes.

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

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

1. Budd Kops, West Hollywood

Addressed the Commission on the use of "Other Testimony" on the agenda.

2. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B. BLC-88-001
Walnut Properties, Inc. dba "Pussycat Theater"
7734 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.
Application for renewal of Adult Theater license

Staff report presented by Self.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. APPLICANT TESTIMONY:
 - A. Mr. Donald Haley, Representative, Walnut Properties, Inc.
2. TESTIMONY FOR: None.
3. TESTIMONY AGAINST: None.
4. OTHER TESTIMONY: None.

Chairman Hirsch closed the audience phase of the hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Commissioner Smith stated for the record that she visited the site.

Chairman Hirsch closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Action: To renew the Adult Theater license for Walnut Properties, Inc. dba "Pussycat Theater".

(Motion: Smith Second: Stribling)
Motion Carried Unanimously.

- A. BLC-87-024
JVL Books, Inc. dba "Casanova's Adult World"
7766 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.
Renewal of Adult Bookstore license (continued from November 3, 1987.)

Staff reported presented by Self.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

APPLICANT TESTIMONY:

1. Mr. Norman Atkins, Attorney for the licensee.
2. Mr. Carlos Urbina, Manager

TESTIMONY FOR: None.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None.

OTHER TESTIMONY:

1. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Chairman Hirsch closed the audience phase portion of the hearing at 8:10 p.m. The Chair closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Action: To continue the matter to the next regular meeting of the Commission.

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(Motion: Stribling Second: Forbes)

Motion amended by Commissioner Ellis to request that the owner of the business be present at the next meeting. Amendment accepted by Commissioner Stribling.

Ellis: Aye
Forbes: Aye
Hirsch: No
Smith: Aye
Stribling: Aye

Motion Carried.

Action: To re-open the public hearing at the next regular meeting of the Commission.

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

--Meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m.--
--Meeting reconvened at 8:44 p.m.--

- C. BLC-88-002
Alhar Enterprises, Inc. dba "Peanuts Disco"
7969 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood
Application for renewal of Adult Entertainment, Public Eating and Dance licenses

Staff report presented by Self and Dep. Lincoln.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

APPLICANT TESTIMONY:

1. Josh Feld, Principal Owner

TESTIMONY FOR:

1. Maurice Ballard, Sherman Oaks
2. Therese Kablan, Los Angeles
3. Tom Larkin, West Hollywood
4. Dr. Mel Monsher, Beverly Hills
5. Dan Jordan, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
6. Vernetta Arslan, No. Hollywood
7. Barrett W. McInerney, Atty. for Licensee
8. Hal Mintz, West Hollywood
9. Stacey Dancy, West Hollywood
10. Michele Laybourn, West Hollywood
11. Greg Campeau, West Hollywood
12. David Lopez, West Hollywood
13. Verna Richland, Los Angeles
14. Stephen Michael, West Hollywood

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15. Christine Cordova, San Fernando
16. Philip Walsh, West Hollywood

TESTIMONY AGAINST:

1. Lucia Conforti, West Hollywood.

OTHER TESTIMONY:

1. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood.

Chairman Hirsch closed the audience phase portion of the hearing at 10:32 p.m.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 10:32 p.m.

Action: To refer the matter to Staff for further recommendations and alternatives to the approval of the licenses at the next regular meeting of the Commission.

(Motion: Ellis Second: Smith)

Ellis: Aye
Forbes: No
Hirsch: Aye
Smith: Aye
Stribling: No

Motion Carried.

IV. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT: None.

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Forbes made comments memorializing Sheldon Andelson.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Self reminded the Commission of a previously scheduled Commission study session on Commission goals and objectives on January 12th, and scheduling conflict with the City Council meeting of January 19th and the regularly scheduled Commission meeting set for that night.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

- A. Stephen Michael, West Hollywood
Suggested to the Commission that legal counsel be present at all Commission meetings.

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B. David Lopez, West Hollywood.

The Commission directed staff to research the feasibility of hiring legal counsel for the Commission meetings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to an adjourned meeting of the Commission on January 12, 1988, 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Lester Hirsch

CHAIR

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT