MINUTES BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

July 19, 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 7:03 p.m. by Commission Chair Rochelle Sommers Smith.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dina Tasini.
- B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch,

Smith, Stribling

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Dina Tasini, Associate

Planner; Joe Crow, Administrative Staff Assistant; Deputy Early Lincoln, Los Angeles

County Sheriff's Licensing

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C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda as prepared by staff.

(Motion: Stribling, Second: Hirsch)

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes

Action: To approve the minutes of the meeting of

July 5, 1988 as prepared by staff.

(Motion: Hirsch, Second: Ellis)

Motion carried unanimously.

II. <u>ITEMS FROM CITIZENS</u>: None

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A. BLC-88-008
JVL Books, Inc.
dba Venus Picture Arcade
7768 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood
Application for Picture Arcade-Adult license
(continued from July 5, 1988)

Staff report presented by Tasini.

Action: To continue hearing to the first Commission meeting in September.

(Motion: Hirsch, Second: Stribling)
Motion carried unanimously.

B. BLC-88-010
AIDS Project Los Angeles
3670 Wilshire Blvd., 3rd Fl., Los Angeles
Application for Charitable Solicitor license

Staff report presented by Tasini.

Public hearing opened at 7:15 p.m.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY:

William Jones, Los Angeles

Closed public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Action: To approve a Charitable Solicitor business license to AIDS Project Los Angeles.

(Motion: Hirsch, Second: Stribling)
Motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Sommers Smith asked if the Garlic Festival received a business license for this year.

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- 1) Commissioner Ellis asked if staff had any feedback on the July 13th meeting on the Speakeasy.
- 2) Commissioner Ellis requested an update on Peanuts Disco.

- 3) Commissioner Ellis asked whether an establishment like Gazzarri's would require a public hearing in order to renew its license.
- 4) Commisioner Smith requested a legal response from the City Attorney addressing whether or not the Commission had the right to question the operation of a business prior to the date of its license renewal.
- 5) Commissioner Forbes inquired about the excessive number of deputies patroling Sunset Blvd. late at night around the Roxy and Gazzarri's.
- 6) Commissioner Ellis addressed the problem of long lines of customers dining at the outdoor cafes on Sunset Blvd. and their effect on the neighboring businesses.
- 7) Commissioner Forbes addressed the problem of the Sheriff's Dept. not responding to citizen calls immediately outside the city boundaries.
- 8) Commissioner Forbes addressed the problem of businesses outside the city posting handbills illegally.
- 9) Commissioner Ellis asked whether a code enforcement officer is suppose to be on duty over the weekends.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT

Action:

To adjourn to the regular meeting of the Commission on August 2, 1988, 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers.

(Motion: Hirsch, Second: Stribling)
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

COMMISSION CHAIR

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION