

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

August 2, 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 Howard Zelefsky.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Hirsch, Smith, Stribling

Commissioners Absent: Ellis, Forbes

Staff Present: Paul Self, Business License Officer; Howard Zelefsky, Planning Manager; Joe Crow, Administrative Staff Assistant

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 19, 1988 as prepared by staff.

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

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None

III. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. BLC-88-004
David Curtin and Alex Henig
dba The Speakeasy
8531 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood
Application for renewal of Entertainment and Dance
business licenses

Staff report presented by Self.

Public hearing opened at 7:18 p.m.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY:

Sheldon Sloan, Legal Representative, Los Angeles

TESTIMONY FOR:

None

TESTIMONY AGAINST:

Joyce Heftel, West Hollywood
Marcia Dinkin, West Hollywood
Christine Lazar, West Hollywood
Dell Ross, West Hollywood
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Closed public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

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

(Motion: Stribling, Second: Hirsch)

Motion amended by Hirsch and accepted by
Stribling to continue hearing to the
first regular meeting of the Commission
in September.

Motion carried unanimously.

-- Meeting recessed at 7:59 p.m. --
-- Meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m. --

IV. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

- 1) Commissioner Sommers Smith requested an update of
the Commission calendar from staff on a regular
basis.
- 2) Commissioner Sommers Smith commented that she
attended the monthly Chair meeting.

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- 1) Commissioner Stribling inquired about the status of the Business License Ordinance Task Force.
- 2) Commissioner Hirsch requested a response concerning the legality of the Commission in questioning the operation of a business prior to the date of its license renewal.
- 3) Commissioner Hirsch inquired about the work schedule of the City code enforcement officers.
- 4) Commissioner Hirsch asked how "occupancy load" is determined and its relationship with other possible problems in the neighborhood resulting from its determination.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Self updated the Commission on the tentative calendar for the next two meetings.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

VIII ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the regular meeting of the Commission on August 16, 1988, 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



COMMISSION CHAIR



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION