

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

October 4, 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 7:17 p.m. by Commission Chair Rachele Sommers Smith.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ellis.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch,
Smith

Commissioners Absent: Stribling

Staff Present: Dina Tasini, Associate
Planner; Paul Self,
Business License Officer;
Joe Crow, Administrative
Staff Assistant; Deputy
Early Lincoln, Los Angeles
County Sheriff's Licensing
Detail

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda with the continuance of Item IV.C to the next regular meeting of the Commission.

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

D. Approval of Minutes

Action: To table approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 27, 1988.

(Motion: Ellis, Second: Forbes)
Motion carried.

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
Renewal of Entertainment w/Dance and Annual Dance
business license
(continued from September 6, 1988)

Staff report presented by Self.

-- Meeting recessed for 10 minutes --

Action: To approve the renewal of Entertainment
w/Dance and Annual Dance business
licenses with the following conditions:

- 1) That the licensee allow patrons to only enter through the Santa Monica Boulevard exit and that the Santa Monica Boulevard exit be the main entrance and exit to the licensee's establishment.
- 2) That the licensee shall prohibit patrons from entering or exiting the north, rear exit of the licensee's establishment except as an emergency exit only.
- 3) That the licensee shall post signs at the business establishment directing patrons to Santa Monica Boulevard for valet pick-up; and that there be sufficient lighting for that purpose.
- 4) That the licensee hire a licensed security guard to monitor the rear parking lot of the licensee's business establishment and to control noise generated by patrons in the parking area. Said security guard shall patrol the rear parking lot from 5:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. on the days in which the licensee's establishment is open for business.

(Motion: Hirsch, Second: Ellis)

Motion amended by Ellis to add:

- 1) That the license be approved for a period of sixty (60) days and that staff report back to the Commission on the status of the license at the end of sixty (60) days.

- 2) That the conditions set forth by the Commission shall be effective two (2) weeks from the decision of the Commission.

Amendment accepted by Hirsch

Motion amended by Smith to add:

- 1) That the licensee must receive recommendations of approval of the license renewal from all responsible agencies.
- 2) The licensee must continue to abide by all previous conditions set forth on the licensee's Entertainment and Dance licenses with the exception of Condition #1 and #6 which shall be modified to read:

"1. That the license show the occupancy load of 202 as established by the Building and Safety Division and the Fire Department.

"6. That the requirement of a dressing room be waived as long as entertainment shall consist of instrumental music and singing or "stand-up" comedy routines only."

- 3) The licensee shall prohibit patrons from reentering the business establishment without first paying the required cover charge, pursuant to Section 7.30.490 of the City's Business License Ordinance.
- 4) The licensee shall post a sign at the north, rear exit of the licensee's establishment informing patrons that they must exit through the Santa Monica Boulevard exit.
- 5) That there be a 6-month trial period instead of 6-week.

Amendment accepted by Hirsch/Ellis:

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

B. BLC-88-013
Food Industry Crusade Against Hunger
4620 48th St., N.W., Washington D.C.
Application for Charitable Solicitor business
license

Staff report presented by Self.

Public hearing opened at 8:25 p.m.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY

Sam Jackson, Applicant Representative, Agoura

Public hearing closed at 8:28 p.m.

Action: To approve a Charitable Solicitor
business license for Food Industry
Crusade Against Hunger.

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

IV. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT: None

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- 1) Self informed the Commission of the following
future hearings: Being Alive, People with AIDS
Coalition, Coincidental Interests II, Inc., Greater
Los Angeles AIDS Hospice Foundation, Inc., and
Heritage Bookshop.
- 2) Commissioner Hirsch requested staff to provide the
Commission with complete materials documenting the
staff reports.
- 3) Commissioner Smith requested staff to submit all
reviews on businesses which required them.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

VIII ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Commission to begin at 5:30 p.m. on October 18, 1988, in the City Council Chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

COMMISSION CHAIR

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION