

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
MEETING**

October 1, 1991

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the West Hollywood Business License Commission held on the above date in the City Council Chambers in the Werle Building, 626 N. Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Scott Forbes.

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Elliott

B. Roll Call: Present - Comm. Elliott,
Comm. Maggio. Comm. Sonnenburg
Chairperson Forbes

Absent - Comm. Ellis

C. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda was made by Comm.

Motion - Comm. Maggio

Second - Comm. Sonnenburg

Motion to approve carries with all ayes from BLC

D. Approval of Minutes - September 3, 1991

Motion to approve Minutes was made by Comm.

Motion - Comm. Sonnenburg

Second - Comm. Elliott

Motion to approve carries with all ayes from BLC

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Peanuts (Alhar Enterprises, Inc.)
7969 Santa Monica Blvd., W. Hollywood, CA

A brief staff update (report) was presented by Jennifer Davis and Patty Frank (Neighborhood Services Specialist)

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Sonnenburg congratulated Patty Frank for her hard work with the owner of Peanuts and the residential neighbors

APPLICANT COMMENTS:

Jonathan Golden - attorney representing Mr. Feld spoke briefly regarding conditions outlined in letter of agreement signed by both Mr. Feld and the neighborhood residents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Scott Burritt, W. Hollywood - mentioned some concerns with stated conditions from City Attorney's office (re: noise, trash pick-up, etc.)

Lester Hirsch, W. Hollywood - asked that BLC take necessary steps to stop problems emanating from Peanuts.

Stacey Dancy, W. Hollywood - (manager of Peanuts), stated that conditions are agreeable to Mr. Feld (with the possible exception of condition "E")

A motion was made to close public testimony.

Motion: Comm. Sonnenburg

Second: Comm. Maggio

Motion passes with all ayes from the BLC

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Comm. Maggio mentioned concerns regarding the completion of soundproofing (i.e. if and when will all work be completed...)

Comm. Elliott spoke regarding the problems with the language used in drafting the Resolution, mentioned concern in regards to occupancy capacity and who will be in charge of of same.

Comm. Sonnenburg requested the the BLC reject the Resolution as presently drafted and asked that a new Resolution be drafted to reflect language as outlined in letter signed by Mr. Feld and residents.

Motion: Comm. Sonnenburg

Second: Comm. Elliott

Chairperson Forbes echoed concerns of other BLC members and asked if there would be a problem if BLC requested that staff have the City Attorney's office re-draft Resolution.

Comm. Elliott added statements regarding the re-drafting of Peanuts Resolution by City Attorney.

There was continued discussion between the BLC members in relation to recommendations BLC wanted to request of City Attorney.

Motion to reject Resolution due to language problems mentioned by BLC members.

Chairperson Forbes asked if BLC could change the Resolution language instead of send it back to the City Attorney's office.

Motion was called to question by Comm. Elliott.

Ayes: Comm. Elliott, Maggio,
Sonnenburg

No's: Chairperson Forbes

Comm. Elliott asked that a new motion be made to request a 6-month review of newly drafted Resolution as amended by City Attorney.

Motion: Comm. Elliott

Second: Comm. Sonnenburg

Motion passes with all ayes (except Chairperson Forbes)

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Items of concern were presented by Chairperson Forbes.

Spoke regarding letters received from residents regarding noise problems at Le Dufy, Le Mondrian and Le Bel Age hotel.

The Commission discussed options available to resolve on-going problems at the hotels.

Mentioned another concern by a neighboring resident of Peanuts in regards to problems with jaywalking.

Another letter mentioned on-going problems with Gazarri's and the Whiskey-A-Go-Go (noise, loitering, trash, etc.)

Staff (J. Davis) made recommendations to BLC regarding what steps should be taken in response to concerns (re: on-going problems with nightclubs).

Commission discussed what type of direction should be given to staff in response to complaints about hotels and nightclubs.

The BLC asked that the problems relating to hotel violations be brought back to Commission with a full review (report).

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Comm. Elliott mentioned upcoming sub-committee meeting

Asked that staff inform City Attorney's office about concerns BLC has in relation to reviewing Entertainment Business Licenses

Comm. Sonnenburg and Chairperson Forbes echoed Comm. Elliott's concerns (re: Entertainment reviews)

Comm. Sonnenburg asked about Peanuts pending lawsuit against City (i.e. what are the causes of action...)

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. West Hollywood's Integrated Waste Management Plan - presented by Kevin Hendrick

J. Davis indicated that Mr. Hendrick was sick and could not attend BLC to give an oral presentation

Chairperson Forbes asked BLC members if they could hold off on making a motion of a public hearing item until BLC has discussed items amongst itself.

VIII ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Lester Hirsch, W. Hollywood - congratulated BLC on taking a stand against on-going problems of nightclubs on Sunset Boulevard.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn to next regularly scheduled
BLC meeting:

Motion: Comm. Maggio

Second: Comm. Sonnenburg

Motion passed with all ayes from the BLC

Chairperson.

Staff Liaison to BLC