

BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 23, 2001
West Hollywood Park Auditorium
647 No. San Vicente Blvd.
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Sonnenburg called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

A. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT: Commissioners – Maxine Sonnenburg, Eric Thompson, Rodney Scott, Stanley Stalford and James Kazakos.

STAFF PRESENT: Wade Davenport, Code Compliance Manager; Lisa Chilton, Business License Officer; Tony Leyva, Code Compliance Officer; Bruce Robertson, Administrative Staff Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT: Christi Hogin, Assistant City Attorney; Lt. Buddy Goldman, LACSD; Fire Inspector Wallace Lejay LACFD.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Thompson.

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Action: To approve the Agenda.

Motion: Scott Second: Kazakos

Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

II. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

III. **ITEMS FROM CITIZENS**

IV. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. The Business License Commission shall conduct a continued public hearing to consider modifying, suspending, or revoking Public Eating business license REG000179, Coin – Operated business license REG000178, Dance business license REG000180, Entertainment business license REG000177,

Entertainment Promoter business license REG001416, Manager's business licenses REG000059, REG000061, REG000809, and (new application pending approval) REG001612 for Club 7969 located at 7969 Santa Monica Blvd.

Wade Davenport swore in those who would be rendering testimony at tonight's hearing.

Mark Lehman, representative for Alhar Enterprises presented his report to the Commission. In his report he addressed the following issues:

1. Mr. Lehman referred to a letter sent to Staff by his office that states new measures that have been undertaken by Club 7969 in addressing all concerns presented by the neighborhood.
2. In this same letter he points out Alhar's objection to the process that has been followed including a failure to provide proper notice of charges or to timely present and adequate statement of charges.
3. Alhar contends that adequate grounds for revocation have not been presented.
4. Mentioned that Club 7969 employs several people who would lose their jobs should the Commission decide to close the business.
5. Confirmed that all of the problems addressed by the community will be mitigated.
6. Private security detail has been expanded to include Fubar and that Club management is working with Captain Richard Odenthal to fully implement a comprehensive security plan for the entire area.
7. Sound System issues will be mitigated. Interior sound system being redesigned, and interior perimeter patrols of the Club have been instigated to assure that outside sound levels of the club are acceptable. Doors to remain closed at all times, sound drapes have been installed in the front to reduce any noise coming from the facility.
8. Windows and Air Conditioners. Alhar has offered to install double glazed windows and air conditioners for residents in apartments to the rear of the club in an effort to reduce noise.
9. Trash Clean up. The Club is working with other businesses in the area to assure the clean up of the neighborhood continues and improves.
10. Additional Parking sites have been secured for off-site to help reduce parking problems and to address community traffic concerns.
11. Club 7969 asked the Commission to allow them to continue operating and that they would hold bi-weekly meetings with Staff and the neighbors to assure that all concerns have and will be properly addressed.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- A. **Joshua Wells, West Hollywood**, has not recently heard music from club and commented that Club 7969 is working with the neighborhood to

correct area concerns and should be given the chance to correct current problems.

- B. **Jonathan Benrud, West Hollywood**, commented that noise coming from the club is not a concern for him and further mentioned that club security regularly patrols the neighborhood and he feels that club management is concerned with neighborhood concerns.
- C. **Dessica DePompas, West Hollywood**, loves her job and does not want to lose it.
- D. **Bob Alexander, West Hollywood**, stated that none of the current problems have changed over the years. Mr. Alexander continued that club clientele is violent, noisy, are drug addicts and inconsiderate of others. Has witnessed fights and muggings from club patrons.
- E. **Alan Skinner, West Hollywood**, feels that club management is responsible for the declining condition of the club over the years and that they have been aware of neighbor concerns for many years but have done nothing yet they now come to the City with solutions in an effort to save their business at the eleventh hour. Mr. Skinner asked the Commission to revoke the licenses of Club 7969.
- F. **Gary Zimmerman, West Hollywood**, stated that the problems reported by the neighborhood are directly related to Club 7969 and not other clubs in the area. He continued that these are problems that have occurred over the past 13 years and furthermore added that the club cannot control its patrons and asked the Commission to revoke the licenses of this business.
- G. **Phillip Walsh**, an employee of the club for the past 18 years suggested mitigation measures for the current problems associated with Club 7969. He also noted that he has offered his cell phone number to the neighbors, City staff and the Sheriff's yet has not heard from anyone during the past year. Mr. Walsh also suggested that the club would be willing to work with surrounding businesses to improve neighborhood conditions.
- H. **Avner Garbi Regev, West Hollywood**, testified that he heard music, from the club, in his bedroom as recently as last night and noted that he has a difficult time as a landlord keeping tenants in his building because of the noise created from the club. He also suggested relocating the business to an industrial neighborhood.
- I. **Greggory Rogen, West Hollywood**, is a club patron who enjoys going to the club and testified that security personnel act effectively and efficiently. He also commented that Club 7969 is not solely responsible for the problems in the area but other nearby businesses also contribute to the area's problems.
- J. **Tim Taylor, West Hollywood**, believes that the club provides a valuable service to the community and it's economy, providing a night for gay youth to meet.
- K. **Eric Norman, West Hollywood**, testified that he has never witnessed any of the unruliness that has been mentioned by neighbors and he feels safe with the security of the club.

- L. **Steve Goldberg, Los Angeles**, owner of Club 7969 testified of theme nights held by the club including Lesbian night, Transgender night, Strait night and is proud of the diversity this brings to the community. He further noted that efforts have been made both financially and otherwise to correct the noise complaints made by neighbors and he and club management are willing to meet with the neighbors on an ongoing basis to assure that all neighborhood concerns are addressed.
- M. **John Hughes, West Hollywood**, supports Club 7969 as it provides a social outlet to gay youth and others. Security is effective and efficient and works to get patrons out of the area quickly at closing time.
- N. **Sean Diviny, West Hollywood**, said that despite sleeping with earplugs he is often awakened by noise coming from the club. He does not believe that his neighborhood is safe as he continues to be wakened by breaking glass and even damage to his own vehicle.
- O. **Jason Gore, West Hollywood**, as a club patron feels very safe in the neighborhood and testified that drug use does not occur at the club and alcohol use does not occur by underage patrons as club security is very careful and diligent in enforcing these matters.
- P. **Hal Budner, West Hollywood**, is a resident who lives South of Hayworth and is disturbed by noise from patrons leaving the club and coming into the residential area in which he lives. Mr. Budner also testified that the problems of the club have been going on for years and feels that the club has not been a responsible community business.
- Q. **Britt Saans, West Hollywood**, stated that club patrons drink and do drugs in their neighborhood which contributes to the unsafe atmosphere of the neighborhood. Community meetings have gone on for years but nothing has been done. Ms. Saans asked the Commission to revoke the licenses of Club 7969 for the benefit of the neighborhood.
- R. **Charles Lenzem, West Hollywood**, believes that the impact Club 7969 has had on the neighborhood has been negative. He is awakened every Thursday night by club patrons. Neighbors cars have been damaged by club patrons and litter including bottles and syringes are left behind which he has found in his yard.
- S. **David Allen, Los Angeles**, operates Premier Valet Service which services Club 7969 and testified that additional parking spaces have recently been secured off-site to help with the parking problems that have been mentioned. He also testified that a valet pick up/drop off zone has recently been approved, by the City, on Santa Monica Blvd., as a noise mitigation measure.
- T. **Robert Mundy, Los Angeles**, commented that the City of West Hollywood was founded on the basis of diversity which is what this club offers and informed the Commission that they have a duty to protect the distinctive identify that the City has adopted.
- U. **David Fong, Glendale**, reminded the commission that no recent public hearings have been held against the club and stated that club patrons,

- club owners and neighbors have a responsibility to communicate and work with each other to resolve problems that may exist.
- V. **Stephen Allison, West Hollywood**, believes the West Hollywood is an entertainment based city and neighbors need to realize this if they choose to live here.
- W. **Justin Kissel, Beverly Hills**, works with the National Youth Rights Campaign and supports Club 7969. He testified that this club is the only club found by this group which supports a drug free and safe environment for youth under the age of 21.
- X. **Stephanie Induye, Santa Monica**, is a club patron who has never witnessed any of the occurrences that have been alleged by neighbors at this meeting. Ms. Induye commented that dialog is critical between neighbors and club personnel if problems that come up are to be addressed.
- Y. **Eric Himel, West Hollywood**, calls the sheriffs on a regular basis due to noise from the club and stated that after closing club patrons venture into residential neighborhoods and continue partying which disturb residents.
- Z. **Kris Mazzu, Beverly Hills**, testified that the security at Club 7969 is very professional, but clientele from other clubs in the area continue party and make noise which contributes to the overall noise level in the area.
- AA. **Joseph Von Teichert, West Hollywood**, testified that his sleep is often disturbed due to noise coming from club. He also commented on parking problems and suggested that off-site parking for the club should be considered.
- BB. **Eric Mason, Studio City**, believes that other businesses and clubs in the area contribute to the noise and parking problems that have been mentioned by neighbors and asked the Commission to consider this when making their decision.
- CC. **Michelle Levy, Tarzana**, as manager of club 7969 asked the Commission to allow the club to work with the neighbors to resolve existing problems and further stated that the club does many things which benefit the community including fundraising efforts. Ms. Levy asked the Commission to allow the club to remain operating.
- DD. **Artemio Carpico, West Hollywood**, commented that he has witnessed people (whether club patrons or not he does not know) running through the neighborhood yelling *wake up, wake up*. He also testified of prostitution, especially on transgender night and that every night at 2:00 A.M. club security can be heard yelling for everyone to go home.
- EE. **Dana Morehead, West Hollywood**, noted that the noise is horrible especially the bass and asked the Commission to listen to neighbors concerns and to help them get the rest that they are asking for.
- FF. **Philip Sasso, Hollywood**, testified as a club employee and noted that the club has made many efforts to keep the noise levels down. He continued that West Hollywood is a major city and that people should expect to hear noise if they choose to live here.

- GG. Mr. Lopez, Los Angeles**, expressed that working for the club provides him and his family the money needed to live and pleaded for everyone to find solutions to the problems so that he can continue working and support his family.
- HH. John Nieto, West Hollywood**, spoke against Club 7969 noting that the club continues to be noncompliant with conditions that have been placed on them and feels that neighbors should not have to call the club about noise or other problems as this is not their responsibility.
- II. Marna Deitch, West Hollywood**, a long time employee of Club 7969 testified that club management is very concerned with neighbors complaints and asked the residents to continue calling the club in an effort to resolve community problems.
- JJ. Scott Reader, West Hollywood**, complained of noise coming from the club at night as well as recently at 7:00 A.M. on a Sunday morning. The community is accepting of the clubs diversity but demands quiet in the area as well.
- KK. Cory Wong, Los Angeles**, testified as an employee of the club and stated that he personally closes the back door of the club each night upon arriving. He also stated club management holds regular meetings with employees to help to improve it's operating procedures.
- LL. Daniel Sabota, Los Angeles**, is a club employee who conducts neighborhood rounds every hour and does not witness the activity that has been testified to by neighbors. Security personnel does its best to curtail unwanted activities ASAP and he further stated that Club 7969 is not solely responsible for the problems in the neighborhood.
- MM. Robert Aldova, West Hollywood**, has been a club patron for the past 10 years and feels very safe in the area. He believes that the blame for noise and other problems should be shared by all of the area's businesses and not only by Club 7969.
- NN. Bardy Azadozard, West Hollywood**, is outraged that nonresidents have testified that no problems exist in the neighborhood. He has stopped calling the police when problems arise because it takes too long for them to arrive.
- OO. Jay Ristau, West Hollywood**, feels that the problems testified to are the responsibility of past club management and club patrons.
- PP. Neal Zaslavsky, West Hollywood**, spoke in support of Club 7969 and the diversity it offers the community. He also stated that the violations stated in the staff report do not warrant revocation and believes that working together, the club and area residents can resolve problems that do exist. Mr. Zaslavsky believes that the City should work with the club to resolve current problems and that closing the club now would be premature.
- QQ. Steven Afriat, Hollywood**, speaking on behalf of Club 7969 confirmed that problems with the club do exist but commented that club owners have demonstrated a willingness to take the necessary measures to mitigate existing neighborhood concerns. Mr. Afriat also suggested imposing stringent conditions and frequent reviews in an effort to remedy

neighborhood concerns and to monitor the club's compliance with city regulations.

- RR. Steve Lytle, West Hollywood**, mentioned that noise and other problems from the club continue night after night and that past solutions have not been effective.
- SS. Hernan Molina, West Hollywood**, stated that he believes that the tactics of the club are to exhaust the neighbors so that they will eventually give up. He continued that this is the 4th time this commission has reviewed neighborhood complaints surrounding Club 7969 and that the club should not be given another chance.
- TT. Ru Paul, Los Angeles**, is a club patron who loves Club 7969 and who stated that Santa Monica Blvd., has many businesses which make up the nightlife in the area and likely contribute to current resident complaints. Mr. Paul also expressed concern that Club 7969 is being targeted in spite of all of the other nightclubs in the area that could possibly be contributing to the noise and other concerns that have been voiced.
- UU. Greg Nise, West Hollywood**, commented that noise from club patrons is a recurring problem that interrupts residents' ability to sleep at night.
- VV. Mark McBride, West Hollywood**, is a responsible club patron who believes that the club and area are safe. Mr. McBride noted that the club has admitted that there are areas where improvement is needed and feels that they should be given the chance to correct existing problems. He also believes that the club is being blamed for all of the problems that have been expressed in spite of the fact there are other clubs and businesses in the area which also contribute to the problems in the neighborhood.
- WW. Norman Chramoff, West Hollywood**, stated that club closure is not the solution but that the more important question is what should be done about the existing problems. Norman suggested that the club be required to pay for Code Enforcement officers or sheriffs to police the site and surrounding area.
- XX. Jay Krymis, Los Angeles**, owner of Fubar feels that Club 7969 has not been negligent but has been pro-active in their efforts to correct the problems that have been expressed. He continued that club management has contacted other clubs in the area asking them to work as a group to improve conditions and feels that they should be allowed to remain in business.
- YY. Hillary Selvin, Los Angeles**, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and speaking on behalf of the Chamber opposes revoking the licenses of the club but rather supports mediation between the City, the business, and the Chamber to correct the existing problems. Due process should take place and this should include meetings between all parties involved before revocation takes place. Revocation effects both the City, and the business and other ways that will help the business should be considered before revocation.

- ZZ.** **Mark Heindmann, West Hollywood,** sees Club 7969 as being targeted in a sort of witch hunt because it caters to diversity such as transsexuals which tend to be an easy group to target. More law enforcement is the answer to the noise problems not revocation.
- AAA.** **Scott Layne Wisman, Burbank,** promoter for the club believes that this is only one business of many in the area that contributes to the noise, traffic and other problems that exist in the neighborhood. He suggested that permit parking be implemented in this area to curb the parking and added that sound checks are not allowed by club management before all doors have been closed.
- BBB.** **Jason Mangan, West Hollywood,** stated that noise is an inherent condition that is present in areas where nightclubs operate. He also said that the club offers an environment that offers acceptance to youth under the age of 21.
- CCC.** **Bonnie Sporn, West Hollywood,** feels unsafe both outside and inside of her apartment and fears the patrons that patronize the club. She also spoke about trash left behind by club patrons.
- DDD.** **Kimberly Asada, Cerritos,** a club employee stated that the issues at hand are important to club employees and feels that the club is safe and has not witnessed any drug use inside or outside of the club. She also suggested that people are responsible for knowing an area before moving in and should be aware of potential inconveniences because of existing businesses.
- EEE.** **Wendy Lancaster, Lakewood,** commented that club employees are very respectful of the diverse clientele that frequents the club and that they work together to resolve problems as they come up. Ms. Lancaster believes that people should be willing to accept noise and other inconveniences if they choose to live in a densely populated area.
- FFF.** **Hays Velasco Family, North Hollywood,** Mr. Velasco works for the club and offered his assistance to correct problems that now exist. He also asked the Commission not to close the club because his work is what supports his family and puts food on the table for his children.
- GGG.** **Robin Hayes,** employee of the club for 18 years said that closing the club would be catastrophic to her and her family. She petitioned the Commission to work to find a solution that would allow the club to remain open and would also remedy any problems that residents in the area are having.
- HHH.** **Lawrence Stern, West Hollywood,** has offered suggestions, in the past, that he believes would correct the neighbors concerns but club personnel have not respond to his suggestions which leads him to believe that they are not really concerned with finding a viable solution to the existing problems.

Mr. Lehman presented his rebuttal for Alhar Ent. He addressed the following issues:

1. Acknowledged that problems do exist and the business takes responsibility for these problems.
2. Suggested that the dialog that has broken down between club personnel and neighbors should be reopened.
3. Businesses in the area should band together in an effort to maintain better security in/around the area's clubs.
4. Proposed bringing in an outside source that would work with the City, Club 7969 and Commission to work as a mediator in resolving the issues at hand. Mr. Lehman suggested that Alhar Ent., would like to bring in Scott Forbes to act as the mediator.
5. Restated the clubs belief that Mr. Lehman and Alhar Ent., do not believe that a case for revocation exists.
6. Asked the Commission for time to resolve issues and to allow Club 7969 to continue working with the neighbors by holding regular meetings to resolve existing and future problems.
7. Suggested that the Commission schedule regular reviews in order to monitor the progress the club is making.

THE COMMISSION POSED QUESTIONS OF THE PUBLIC

Commissioner Scott questioned Mr. Goldberg about the length of time this business has been in his family and if this is the first time he has been notified of the problems that have been testified to?

Mr. Goldberg responded that his family has owned the business for about 40 years and that he has managed the club since 1994. He also stated that noise concerns raised by neighbors are new to him.

Commissioner Thompson asked about the timing of mitigation measures presented and if they are remedial measures?

Mr. Lehman answered that some of the proposed measures have already been implemented and that they continue to work on. He clarified by saying that some of the proposals are also new while others are measures that are being reworked in order to resolve the problems that are being revisited.

Acoustical Review is being reviewed with the help of a sound engineer that has recently been brought in by Alhar Ent., and this process may continue for a few months before it is complete.

Trash Clean-up is ongoing but the club is now working with other businesses in the area to refine and expand this area of concern.

Off-site Valet Parking should be resolved within the next week or so as they have recently secured two additional off-site parking lots.

Neighborhood Meetings is an ongoing process that is recommended by Alhar Ent., with the use of outside help which was proposed earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Stalford pointed out that the staff report lists violations that seem to be pervasive in the past and asked Mr. Lehman what conditions have changed now that did not correct the problems?

Mr. Lehman answered that businesses continually change as do a business's patrons and voiced that as this happens some issues must be revisited by all parties involved, the community, the business and the City. He also stated that Alhar Ent., is committed to working with the neighbors to ensure that these community issues are addressed on an ongoing basis.

Chair Sonnenburg commented that she was present at the first public hearing of Club 7969 (formerly Peanuts) and questioned what changes have been made since that time and what will be different this time to effectuate change?

Mr. Lehman responded that club management and employees are now aware of the neighbors concerns and suggested that a continuing open dialog will be important in addressing problems as they come up.

Commissioner Stalford follow-up on his previous question asking what is different this time?

Mr. Lehman stated that in the past the business has acted alone but they are now proposing working together with other businesses in the area and that with their combined efforts he is confident that the existing problems can and will effectively be addressed and resolved.

Commissioner Kazakos referred to comments made by Mr. Lehman stating that there are insufficient grounds for revocation and inquired as to why he (Mr. Lehman) believes this after having had seven (7) public hearings and six (6) community meetings because of continuing problems associated with the club?

Mr. Lehman commented that revocation cannot be based on violations that occurred seven (7) years ago. He continued that revocation must be based upon a statement of charges which should have been properly provided to Alhar Ent., but a statement of charges has not been properly provided as is required in the Business License Ordinance.

Commissioner Scott again asked the question of Mr. Goldberg's awareness of resident's concerns prior to this hearing?

Mr. Goldberg responded that at that time he was unaware of the intensity of the problem (noise) has been stated at this hearing.

Commissioner Scott continued by asking about the public hearing in 1994 and the community meetings that were held in September 2000 with Councilmember Prang? Commissioner Scott voiced concern that in spite of the numerous public hearings and community meetings that have been held this is the first hearing in which Mr. Goldberg acknowledges that a serious noise problem exists.

Mr. Goldberg clarified by saying that he was aware of residents' noise concerns in their neighborhood by club patrons and noise general noise concerns but was not aware of the level of concern by noise levels coming from inside the club.

Commissioner Thompson expressed his concern for behavior of club officials at the time citations were issued. He pointed out a citation issued for failure to obtain final inspection on 12/19/2000 and one issued on 4/9/2001, approximately five months later.

Mr. Lehman explained that ADA compliance was the issue that held up the final issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy by city staff and noted that the issuance of this Certificate became an ongoing process of negotiating between city staff and Alhar Ent.

Commissioner Thompson continued pointing out that two separate citations were also issued nine months apart for the club's doors being open.

Mr. Lehman admitted fault on the part of his client stating that it was the manner in which the club took tickets from patrons that required that they keep the door open and further mentioned that this operation has been changed in order to comply with City requirements.

Chair Sonnenburg disagreed stating that the club was required to construct vestibules with double doors to contain the sound coming from the club and stated that it doesn't make sense to build a vestibule and then keep one or both of the doors open.

Mr. Lehman responded that as a result of the citations issued they have installed soundproof curtains to contain the noise inside the club.

Commissioner Stalford reminded Mr. Lehman that the club opened for business regardless of not having a Certificate of Occupancy and that they also kept their doors open with full knowledge that this was in violation to conditions imposed by the City. He pointed out that, in his opinion, there is a systemic disregard for rules/conditions placed upon his client's business.

Mr. Lehman argued that the violations listed in the staff report do not warrant revocation of his client's business license and suggested that the Commission and City should be reasonable when citing businesses.

Commissioner Thompson asked area residents about the happenings at a recently held meeting between neighbors and Club 7969 and about e-mail correspondence between the various parties.

Gary Zimmerman, an area resident, who attended the neighborhood meeting answered that neighborhood concerns were raised such as noise, crime and patron unruliness and that the club expressed a willingness to work with the neighborhood in resolving these problems.

Chair Sonnenburg asked Ms. Saans what impact it would have on the neighborhood should the Commission require that the club close at 12:00 A.M.?

Ms. Saans expressed concern over Chair Sonnenburg's question and responded that if the business is closed at Midnight it would lose a lot of business but if the business is closed permanently it would make the neighborhood safer.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Chair Sonnenburg asked Assistant City Attorney Christi Hogin if she believes that all due process and notification requirements have been met?

Ms. Hogin replied that she is satisfied that all noticing requirements of the code have been met. She stated the Commission is required to give the applicant reasonable notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the issues that have been raised suggesting revocation. Ms. Hogin outlined that there has been adequate notice, all parties have received plenty of written material and adequate opportunity to be heard has been afforded both parties and is therefore completely satisfied that all requirements have been met.

Commissioner Thompson commented that in his opinion the club has been given adequate notice via various citations that have been issued in the past.

Commissioner Scott voiced that the City of West Hollywood was founded upon the premise of diversity and that the city council would be responsible to neighbors and not to nightclubs. Commissioner Scott continued that whatever decision is made by the Commission will become the responsibility of past and present club management but expressed concern that the decision be based not on denying a group of people access to entertainment but be made based on the facts.

Commissioner Kazakos empathizes with club employees but holds club management responsible for not complying with imposed conditions.

Commissioner Thompson stated that the violations issued do warrant revocation and suggested that one must consider the violation and circumstances behind the violation, along with testimony given by the public and

suggested that combining these two considerations increases the severity of the violation.

Chair Sonnenburg expressed outraged at the idea that any commission member would have any lingering prejudice against any person or group and suggested that respect is paramount.

Commissioner Stalford expressed that in his opinion the management is not credible as they have failed in their efforts to execute change time and time again. However the consultants that Mr. Goldberg has brought in Commissioner Stalford believes are credible. Commissioner Stalford stated that the question before the Commission is whether or not to allow these newly involved parties to attempt to effectuate change with the club.

Commissioner Thompson noted that the purpose of the Business License Ordinance and of this Commission is to examine the behavior of the business at the time of the citation which he believes is problematic in this instance.

Commissioner Scott stated that he is leaning towards revocation and asked Staff and the other commissioners for other possible options.

Staff responded that the Commission has several options available including modification, suspension or revocation of the business license.

Commissioner Thompson expressed that he does not take lightly taking away a person's livelihood but is satisfied that ample evidence has been submitted to warrant revocation.

Commissioner Scott does not believe that club management is sincere in their desire to effectuate change and therefore also supports revocation.

Action: To direct Staff to prepare a resolution memorializing the Commission's decision to revoke all business licenses of Club 7969.

Motion: Commissioner Scott Second: Thompson

Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to a regular meeting of the Business License Commission to be held on Tuesday, November 6th, 2001 from 6:00 p.m. until completion at the Werle Building, 626 Robertson Blvd.

Motion: Commissioner Scott Second: Thompson

Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF _____.

CHAIRPERSON:  _____

ATTEST:
BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICER:  _____