

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
MEETING**

July 2, 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 7:17 p.m. by Chairperson Carole Ellis.

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by Thomas Crail.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Forbes, Elliott, Maggio
Sonnenburg, Ellis

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Anne Browning, Manager
Jennifer Davis, Planner
Gay Forbes, CDD Director
Derek Widdiss, Staff

C. Approval of Agenda:

Action: Comm. Elliott requested that the Consent Calendar item be pulled from the agenda for discussion by BLC.

Motion: Comm. Elliott
Second: Comm. Maggio

Motion passes with all ayes from Commission.

Action: To approve BLC agenda as amended.

Motion: Comm. Sonnenburg
Second: Comm. Elliott

Motion to approve item passes with all ayes from the BLC.

D. Approval of Minutes, June 4, 1991:

Action: To approve as agenda.

Motion: Comm. Sonnenburg
Second: Comm. Elliott

Motion to approve minutes carries unanimously with all ayes from the BLC.

E. Election of New Chairperson & Vice Chairperson:

Nominations/Election:

Chairperson - Comm. Forbes - all ayes from BLC
Vice Chair - Comm. Elliott - all ayes from BLC

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

Michelle Levy, W.H. - spoke on behalf of Peanuts.

Janyce DeSoto, W.H. - spoke on behalf of Peanuts.

Robin Hayes, W.H. - spoke on behalf of Peanuts.

Owen Thomas, W.H. - spoke on behalf of Peanuts.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Resolution 91-05

Alhar Enterprises, Inc.
dba Peanuts
7969 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90046

Suspension of Dance Business License

Staff report presented by Anne Browning. Patty Frank gave a brief update on changes that have been ongoing at Peanuts (including inspections by Sheriff's Dept., Building and Safety Dept.).

The Commissioners discussed what options are available to the BLC (i.e. adoption of resolution, table item for a future meeting with another public hearing, or take no action at all).

Commissioner Sonnenburg made a motion to table item for 60 days and to open a new public hearing for Peanuts.

Motion: Comm. Sonnenburg
Second: Comm. Maggio

Motion carries with all ayes from BLC.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT:

None.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioners requested that notification be given (via telephone call) when BLC packets are ready and available for pick-up or drop-off.

Commissioner Elliott inquired about the status of the Holloway Drive "coffee house" (illegal 24 hr. business).

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

A. Nightclub Report.

Public Comments:

Thomas Crail spoke on behalf of the business community and asked for changes in methods of determining what types of businesses should be identified as "nightclubs". Asked for a streamlining in establishing standards for businesses.

Staff Comments:

Jennifer Davis gave a brief overview of drafted "Nightclub Report".

There was discussion amongst the BLC regarding how standards are were going to be set up.

Chairperson Forbes requested a 15 minute recess so that the BLC members could review report presented to BLC by Thomas Crail.

Commission reconvened with continued discussions regarding setting up concrete definitions for "Nightclubs".

Commissioner Sonnenburg offered suggestions regarding drafting definitive language that would articulate exactly what types of businesses would be viewed as a "Nightclub".

Commission went on to discuss itemized list of problems that have occurred or may occur at Nightclubs (re: Mr. Crail's report).

BLC had extensive discussion relating to noise, loitering, litter, parking and other on-going problems at nightclubs.

Commissioner Ellis had to leave meeting for an appointment (9:37pm).

Final discussion on report focused on setting up of a comprehensive matrix.

BLC gave direction to staff to adopt standards for "Nightclubs" and bring back to Commission.

IX. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Forbes requested an adjournment of BLC meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting of BLC on August 6, 1991.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting (10:15pm).

Motion: Comm. Maggio
Second: Comm. Elliott

Motion to adjourn to next regularly scheduled BLC meeting passes with all ayes from the BLC.

CHAIRPERSON

STAFF LIAISON TO COMMISSION