

# WEST HOLLYWOOD BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 @ 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Zaden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Reichard led the pledge.

3. ROLL CALL:

**Commissioners Present:** 

Chair Sibyl Zaden, Vice-chair Erik Barker, Gary Reichard, Jim Kazakos, Neill Murchison and Robert Kalonian.

Commissioners Absent:

Pat Rogers

Staff Present:

Oscar Delgado, Public Works Director, City Attorney Greg Kovacevich, Jeffrey

Aubel, Acting Code Compliance Manager; and Bruce Robertson, Administrative Staff Assistant.

Others Present:

None.

# 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A. Approve the Agenda of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Reichard moved the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kalonian and carried unanimously.

## 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A. Approve the minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Chair Zaden asked that the minutes be amended to reflect Commissioner Murchison as present under Roll Call.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Reichard moved to approve the Minutes, as amended. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Kazakos and carried unanimously, noting Commissioner Roger's absence.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, Commented on the General Plan.

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Resolution BL 08-001, Restaurant Ten-Masa, 9016 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.

# **Public Testimony**

- a. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented on Ten-Masa's unwillingness to comply with conditions of their ABC license.
- b. Seiichi Takahashi, requested that another hearing be held in order to consider new evidence.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Reichard moved to adopt BL 08-001. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Barker.

## Roll Call:

Murchison Yea Reichard Yea Kalonian Yea Vice-chair Barker Yea Chair Zaden Yea

Motion Carried, noting Commissioner Kazakos' recusal, and Commissioner Roger's absence.

A. Resolution BL 08-002, Abiodun Iredia, Citywide peddler license 002972.

# **Public Testimony**

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, supports Resolution BL 08-002.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Reichard moved to adopt BL 08-001. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Barker. Roll Call:

Murchison Yea
Reichard Yea
Kalonian Yea
Vice-chair Barker Yea
Chair Zaden Yea
Kazakos Yea

Motion Carried noting Commissioner Roger's absence.

# 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. The Business License Commission will discuss, making a recommendation to the City Council, to amend the West Hollywood Municipal Code requiring that any business whose license is modified,

suspended or revoked be required to return, to the Commission, prior to the license being reinstated, at the staff level.

Assistant City Attorney Greg Kovacevich, briefly addressed the commission suggesting additional language, not already in the Staff report that, if added, would clarify that proposed language. The language as suggested by Mr. Kovacevich adds the wording *in the succeeding 12 month period*.

Commissioner Reichard voiced his support for the wording as proposed by Staff, while supporting additional wording that would require commission review prior to the *next* renewal and noting his disfavor with wording which includes a 12 month caveat.

Chair Zaden emphasized her desire that the Commission retain licensing jurisdiction over any business whose license is modified by this body.

Commissioner Barker concurred.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Reichard made a motion directing staff to forward the proposed modification to the Municipal Code to the City Council for consideration and adoption. The proposed wording is as follows:

Upon modification suspension or revocation of any business license for cause under this chapter, no business license to operate the same business activity shall be granted to the same person, in the succeeding 12 month period, without prior approval of the Business License Commission.

This motion was seconded by Commissioner Kalonian and carried by a consensus of those commissioners present.

## 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

## 11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

A. Staff commented on a proposed revision to the Business License Ordinance amending the requirement for peddlers selling edible items.

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

## 13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

None.

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**BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICER:** 

14. ADJOURNMENT: The Business License Commission will adjourn to the next required meeting of this body, and to be held in West Hollywood Park Auditorium at 7:00 PM., 647 No. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA. Motion carried by a consensus of the Commission.

ATTEST: PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF **ATTEST:**