

BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, January 7, 2003

City of West Hollywood

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Sonnenburg called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

A. *ROLL CALL:*
PRESENT:

Commissioners – Joseph Guardarrama, Alexander Ponder, Maxine Sonnenburg, James Kazakos, Terry Morgan, and Sibyl Zaden.

STAFF PRESENT:

Tom Benedetti; Acting Code Compliance Manager; Lisa Chilton, Business License Officer.

OTHERS PRESENT:

B. *THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:* Commissioner Morgan led the pledge.

C. Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2002.

Action: To Approve the Minutes.

Motion: Zaden Second: Kazakos

Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

D. Approval of Minutes for November 12, 2002.

Action: To Amend the Minutes by correcting the spelling of Catharine Hahn's name (C not K) and to approve them.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Agenda.

Action: To approve the agenda.

Motion: Ponder Second: Kazakos

Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

IV. PUBLIC HEARING - None

V. NEW BUSINESS - None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- A. Tom Benedetti presented items for discussion on proposed work plan for business license commission in 2003. Items discussed were Business License ordinance revisions with specific priority to Valet Parking ordinance revisions, possible Brown Act training, and combined staff and commission retreat. Also discussed clarification of Planning Commission and Business License Commission purviews and possible joint meeting between these commissions.

Commissioners concurred with Mr. Benedetti regarding current state of Valet operations make it a priority for ordinance revisions with brief discussion.

Discussion ensued between commissioners and Mr. Benedetti concerning how items are brought to commissions attention, CDD director possibly attending a future business license commission meeting, nightclubs and standard use conditions. Also discussed planning commission direction as it pertains to enforcement of regulatory business license ordinance and this commissions roll.

Mr. Benedetti read e-mail correspondence from Chair Thompson regarding business owner participation with this commission before business becomes problematic and filling agendas with resources to help businesses instead of 'hammer' commission is now.

Discussion ensued.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS /ITEMS FROM CITIZENS -

- A. **Hillary Selvin**, of the Chamber of Commerce commented on commissions earlier comments and discussion regarding possible Valet ordinance revisions and her concern that someone from Department of Transportation attend. She commented on a pro business discussion and urged commission to 'find their roll' and the need for flexibility.

VIII. COMMISSION CHAIRS REPORT/ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Sonnenburg inquired about Good Bar. Mr. Benedetti responded

Commissioner Kazakos inquired about post office parking lot used by valet companies, and money charged by these companies for use of public lot. Mr. Benedetti responded.

Commissioner Ponder had no comment.

Commissioner Zaden expressed agreement with Commissioner Kazakos comments regarding post office lot's use by valet. She also commented in response to Hillary Selvin's comments concerning commission being pro business, stating this commission was pro safety.

Commissioner Guardarrama had no comment.

Commissioner Morgan had no comment.

Vice Chair Sonnenburg inquired about former 'Senorita's on Sunset' property sale and requested more information. Mr. Benedetti responded.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next scheduled meeting of the Business License Commission to be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2003, from 6:00 p.m. until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 No. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF March 11, 2003.

CHAIRPERSON: 

ATTEST:
BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICER: 