

**MINUTES  
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION  
MEETING**

August 6, 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 7:15 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Todd Elliott.

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by Thomas Crail.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Elliott, Maggio  
Sonnenburg, Ellis

Commissioners Absent: Forbes

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

C. Approval of Agenda:

Action: To approve agenda (with deletion of Election of New Officers).

Motion: Comm. Sonnenburg  
Second: Comm. Maggio

Motion passes with all ayes from Commission.

D. Approval of Minutes, July 2, 1991:

Action: To approve minutes.

Motion: Comm. Sonnenburg  
Second: Comm. Maggio

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

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None.

### III. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

#### A. Nightclub Standards Report.

A staff report was presented by Anne Browning.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Thomas Crail, W. Hollywood - spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and local business owners/operators. Made suggestions that he felt would be helpful in drafting permanent nightclub standards for the City.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rochelle Sommers-Smith, W. Hollywood - asked for continued public noticing to neighborhoods directly affected by nightclub problems. Spoke regarding continued problems occurring at nightclubs on Sunset Strip. Mentioned the possibility of installing a separate phone line at the W. Hollywood Sheriff's station.

#### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners Elliott and Ellis asked questions of Mr. Crail.

There was continued discussion amongst the BL Commissioners regarding establishing standards for nightclubs.

Commissioner Sonnenburg submitted a draft outlining a definition of "nightclubs".

Staff offered to research draft with City Attorney's office and come back to BLC with an amended version of Commissioner Sonnenburg's initial draft.

The BLC continued discussions (by line item) of Thomas Crail's proposed list of nightclub standards.

#### ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Morocco, W. Hollywood - stated that off-duty police officers cannot make arrests of citizens and are not cost effective.

#### ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The BLC examined the drafted nightclub matrix. Suggestions were offered to supplement existing language.

Discussion continued regarding what issues were within the purview of the BLC (parking - land use - planning/zoning issues v. BLC issues).

The BLC ended discussions on the establishment of setting up of nightclub standards.

Staff was directed to come back to BLC with additional information.

IV. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

V. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Commissioner Ellis asked about the status of Fleetwood's. Complaints were made about The Abbey (a coffeehouse) that has been staying open for business past 2 a.m.

Commissioner Maggio asked about the status of staff's looking into the purchasing of "hearing aids" for BLC meetings. Encourage staff to get in touch with Minneapolis BLC/Dept. in order to find out about how problems were resolved in relation to business license activities.

Commissioner Sonnenburg asked staff if 24 hr. businesses could be kept in the purview of the BLC.

VI. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairperson Elliott requested an adjournment of BLC meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting of BLC on September 3, 1991.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 9:15pm.

Motion: Comm. Sonnenburg  
Second: Comm. Maggio

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

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CHAIRPERSON

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STAFF LIAISON TO COMMISSION