

BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Forbes called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners – Scott Forbes, Maxine Sonnenburg, Terry Morgan and Rodney Scott.

STAFF PRESENT: Wade Davenport, Interim Code Compliance Manager; Bruce Robertson, Administrative Staff Assistant.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner R. Scott led, A pledge of allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Action: To amend the Agenda to reflect July 4th as the next adjournment date and to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion: Morgan Second: R. Scott

Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes, May 2, 2000

Action: To approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Sonnenburg Second: Morgan

Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

III. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS - None

IV. PUBLIC HEARING – None

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT - None

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Sonnenburg

- Ask Staff to update the Commission on the current situation regarding the Key Club.

Wade Davenport gave a brief summary of recent events involving the Key Club including the direction given to Staff by the Planning Commission to initiate and investigate proceedings to modify/revoke the Club's CUP.

Forbes

- Chair Forbes asked the members of the Commission to attend this years CSW event in an official capacity in order to review the functioning of this event and to make recommendations for improving the event in future years. In addition, he asked the Commission to determine it's possible future role with regards to future CSW events, as was directed by the City Council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A three (3) month review of the Argyle Hotel's compliance to the Conditions of Approval as set forth in Resolution 2000-01.

Wade Davenport presented the staff report.

Commissioner Sonnenburg reiterated the option given to the Argyle Hotel that the restrictions placed on the Hotel's dining areas could be lifted should they employ a sound engineer who would recommend and initiate measures that would eliminate the noise nuisance to the neighborhood.

Commissioner Morgan commented that the promoters could have been a part of the noise nuisance problem due the large crowds of patrons they attracted to the Hotel. He suggested that the reduction in neighborhood complaints could be due to the recent lack of promoters to the Hotel and possibly not the restrictions put in place by the Commission.

Public Testimony

- a. **Bill Watson, West Hollywood**, Commented that large promoters have traditionally caused more noise problems than smaller promoters at the Argyle Hotel. Mr. Watson also stated that people on the restaurant's balcony have also contributed the Hotel's noise problem.

- b. **Katherine Thulin, West Hollywood**, People talking on the Hotel's balcony has been a major problem with regards to the noise nuisance in the past. Ms. Thulin also stated that that many of the Hotel's promoters have not been properly licensed in the past, and asked the Commission not to lift any of the restrictions placed on the Hotel's dining areas.
- c. **Stephen Spurgeon, West Hollywood**, Thanked the Commission for the restrictions they placed on the Hotel's outdoor dining areas and asked that these restrictions be left in place as they have been successful in mitigating noise to the neighborhood.

Action: To receive and table Staff's recommendation to September 5, 2000 at which time the Commission will conduct a six (6) month review of the Hotel's compliance to the Conditions of Approval as set forth in Resolution 2000 -01.

Motion: Sonnenburg
Votes: All Ayes

Second: R. Scott
Motion carried.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Wade Davenport gave a brief summary of the report and recommendation given by Staff at the most recent City Council meeting held on June 5, 2000 including Staff's recommendation regarding the Business License Commission. The report to the City Council included the following recommendations:

- Business License Commission to serve as a regulatory body.
- This body to be the exclusive regulatory authority for valet operators in the City.
- A trigger system to be set in place that would bring a business before the Business License Commission once they received their third (3rd) administrative citation, within a 12-month period.
- Business with licenses expired beyond 60 days would be required to come before the Business License Commission for a review in order to reinstate their regulatory license.

Chair Forbes also suggested that the Commission have jurisdiction over the following:

- Extended Hour businesses that might impact the neighborhood.
- Special events held by businesses that might impact the neighborhood.

Commissioner Rodney Scott suggested the Commission use staff and the ad-hoc committee that has already been established to come up with a concrete

workplan outlining the Commissions future role and present it formally to the members of the City Council.

Chair Forbes directed Staff to formulate an outline to present to the City Council enumerating the future role of this body. The following should be included in the outline:

- Valet regulations
- Citation triggering system
- Extended Hours regulatory licenses
- Regulation of special events held by businesses
- Promoters

IX. Adjournment

Action: To adjourn to a special meeting of the Business License Commission to be held on July 11, 2000 from 6:00 p.m. until completion at the City of West Hollywood, Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Motion: Forbes

Second: Morgan

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF _____

Aug 2nd

CHAIRPERSON: _____

ATTEST:

BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICER: _____