

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
MEETING**

August 4, 1992

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 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Forbes.

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Hamlett.

B. Roll Call: Present - All commissioners.
 Absent - None.

C. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To move Chairperson election to the end of the meeting and approve agenda.

Motion - Comm. Sonnenburg
Second - Comm. Ellis

Action: Motion carries with all ayes from the BLC.

D. Approval of Minutes (2/4/92, 4/7/92, 7/7/92):

Motion: To approve minutes as drafted.

Motion - Comm. Sonnenburg
Second - Comm. Elliott

Action: Motion carries with all ayes from the BLC.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Christina Babst, W. Hollywood - spoke re: problems at the Troubadour nightclub - unruly patrons encroaching into the surrounding neighborhood.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Request: Application for a Model Studio

business license.

Business Name: Lingerie Dreams
Location: 8442 Santa Monica Blvd.
Applicant: Mr. Thomas Davis

Staff recommendation to continue Public Hearing to September 1, 1992.

Chairperson Forbes requested the Public Hearing be opened to allow a citizen to speak on the item.

The BLC unanimously agreed to open the Public Hearing and hear comments from citizen (one speaker from the public).

Commission asked questions of staff in regards to how the business operates.

Staff gave a brief description of business operations at Lingerie Dreams.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joel Mogul, Los Angeles - a real estate broker for Team Realty - stated that he had heard about Lingerie Dreams from a friend who had stated the business was on the local news for prostitution arrests.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioners asked about licensing requirements for business, on-going status of modeling operations.

Staff indicated that there had been an undercover vice operation conducted at the business.

Staff stated that the BLC needed to make a motion to continue Public Hearing open until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion: To continue Public Hearing open until next BLC meeting of September 1, 1992.

Motion - Comm. Maggio
Second - Comm. Elliott

Action: Motion carries with all ayes from the BLC.

V. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Quarterly Nightclub Report presented by Code Enforcement Officer (Tom Hamlett).

Comm. Sonnenburg stated she had been hearing drums

late at night (approximately 2:00 - 2:30 a.m.) from one of the nightclubs located near her residence (Gazzari's, The Roxy, Bar One, etc.).

Staff indicated they would check out noise problems of Comm. Sonnenburg relative to her complaint.

Chairperson Forbes asked about the status of the Peanut's appeal before City Council.

Staff indicated that Council had requested the owner of Peanuts meet with the neighborhood group and offer suggestions that would provide a suitable solution to any on-goings problems at nightclub.

Comm. Sonnenburg asked that staff come back with updated reports in regards to Peanuts and the Sunset Strip nightclubs.

VI. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Comm. Ellis asked about the status of Fleetwood's ABC license application.

Staff informed BLC that ABC license is still pending for Fleetwood's.

Comm. Ellis also asked about the status of Sweet Art Cafe on Beverly Blvd. (next to the Hamburger Hamlet).

Staff indicated that complaints had been received and site was visited by Code Enforcement officers and owner stated he would not have on-site entertainment (i.e. live performances) and would comply with all City code requirements.

Chairperson Forbes asked for monthly status updates for nightclubs be brought before the BLC.

Comm. Ellis asked for the status update for Studio One's Dance business license transferred.

Staff indicated that the application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

IX. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None.

I-E. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Forbes asked if any Commissioners did not want to be nominated for Chair position.

Comm. Ellis stated that she would not be interested in receiving the Chair nomination.

Chairperson Forbes asked if BLC would be agreeable to place nominations in a hat and vote by lot.

Commission had extensive discussions regarding how they would nominate Chair and Vice Chair positions for BLC.

It was finally decided (after exhaustive discussion) by the BLC to nominate by lot and vote by acclamation.

Nomination for Chair: Comm. Sonnenburg*

Nomination for Vice Chair: Comm. Maggio*

*(Please refer to audio tape of meeting for all vote counts)

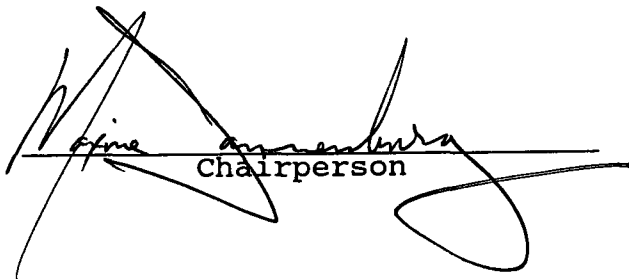
Chairperson Forbes turned gavel over to Comm. Sonnenburg for close of BLC meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 1, 1992.

Motion: Comm. Sonnenburg
Second: Comm. Ellis

Motion to adjourn passes with all ayes from the Business License Commission.


Chairperson

Staff Liaison