

BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

*Tuesday, May 7, 2002
City of West Hollywood*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sonnenburg called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

A. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT:

Commissioners – Maxine Sonnenburg, Eric Thompson, James Kazakos, Terry Morgan, Alexander Ponder and Sibyl Zaden.

STAFF PRESENT:

Wade Davenport, Code Compliance Manager;
Bruce Robertson, Administrative Staff Assistant.

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Action: To approve the agenda.

Motion: Zaden

Second: Kazakos

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. *Approval of Minutes for March 12, 2002.*

The minutes were approved by a consensus of the commissioners present.

B. *Oath of Office for New Commission member Joe Guardarrama.*

Councilmember Jeffrey Prang administered the oath of office to Joseph Guardarrama as his appointee to the Business License Commission.

Councilmember Prang congratulated Commissioner Guardarrama on his new appointment and position on the Business License Commission.

Chair Sonnenburg addressed the issue of electing a new vice-chair to the Commission as that position was vacated with the resignation of Commissioner Stalford and asked staff if it would be appropriate to take care of this matter at this time.

Mr. Davenport responded that if the Commission desired they could take this opportunity to elect a new vice-chair.

Chair Sonnenburg opened nominations for vice-chair of the Business License Commission.

Commissioner Kazakos nominated Commissioner Thompson. Chair Sonnenburg seconded this nomination.

Commissioner Thompson was elected as vice-chair by a consensus of the Commission.

III. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS - None

IV. PUBLIC HEARING - None

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Sonnenburg passed out flyers to the Commission regarding an upcoming community meeting to be held on the Parks Master Plan which will also include a new city library. This meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

The Chair asked staff about a letter that she had received and passed on regarding possible unpermitted or unlicensed activities going on at Miyagi's.

Staff confirmed that they too had received the letter and informed Chair Sonnenburg that there is currently an investigation in process regarding this unlicensed activity. Mr. Davenport continued that he would report back to the Commission, on this matter, as soon as is possible.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Thompson praised Stanley Stalford for his work on the Business License Commission and thanked him for his dedication.

Commissioner Thompson also encouraged the Commission to take the time to read the draft ordinance and promised that doing so would be worthwhile and would help them to better understand their roles as commissioners.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- A. Review of March 2002 Business License Activity Report.
- B. Review draft of new-amended Business License Ordinance.

Mr. Davenport reminded the Commission of the May 28th study session that is scheduled.

- C. Update on the Status of the Argyle Hotel Community Meeting.

Staff notified the Commission that the community meeting they requested be held would take place on Tuesday, May 14th, 2002 at the Argyle Hotel. He continued that a 500' radius mailing has been completed notifying the residents of the upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Sonnenburg asked the Commission to come to a consensus regarding their attendance at this meeting.

Commissioner Kazakos expressed his desire to attend.

Commissioner Zaden also expressed a desire to attend but also indicated that she would not be participating in the meeting's agenda.

Commissioner Thompson expressed his concern that this be a productive meeting without posturing for commissioners and expressed reservation about attending.

Public Testimony

- A. Hillary Selvin, Executive Director, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, recommended representation from the Commission at the upcoming community meeting in order to show support to both the residents and to the Argyle. Ms. Selvin also noted that attendance would give commissioners insight into the process of the two parties working together to solve problems that might exist between them.

Commissioner Ponder stated that the decision should be left to each commissioner.

It was the consensus of the Commission that Commissioners Zaden and Kazakos would attend this meeting, as observers only, and should other commissioners decide they would like to attend they should contact Wade Davenport to ascertain whether their attendance might bring the body into violation of the Brown Act.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - None

IX. OLD BUSINESS - None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next scheduled meeting of the Business License Commission to be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2002, from 6:00 p.m. until completion at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF

June 4, 2002

CHAIRPERSON:

[Signature]

ATTEST:

BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICER:

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