

A. Request: Application for a Model Studio business license.

Busines Name: Lingerie Dreams, 8442 Santa Monica Blvd.
Applicant: Mr. Thomas Davis

Staff report was presented by John Jakupcak.

A brief report was presented by Sgt. Anthony D. Hollins (Sheriff's Dept.) relating to metro vice operations that had taken place at Lingerie Dreams (8442 Santa Monica Blvd.). Sgt. Hollins presented the BLC with copies of all arrest reports relating to alleged prostitution activities at Lingerie Dreams.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Comm. Forbes asked Sgt. Hollins about scope of investigation activities at Lingerie Dreams.

Chair Sonnenburg asked Sgt. Hollins about what the \$60 fee entitled customers to in relation to services and/or sales of products (i.e. lingerie).

Sgt. Hollins stated that the women working at Lingerie Dreams had informed customers that there was a "no touch" policy at the business location.

Comm. Maggio asked if there had been an analysis of the tissues that had been thrown into trash containers on-site.

Sgt. Hollins stated that it was not "his" investigation and that he was only there to effect arrests of the suspects during the undercover operations at Lingerie Dreams.

Comm. Ellis asked Sgt. Hollins if the arrests at Lingerie Dreams were a matter of public record.

Sgt. Hollins stated that he had the hard-copy arrests records and that there had been one "reject" for a Ms. Bernadette Mila (Los Angeles). He further stated that he did not know the status on any of the other cases.

Comm. Elliott asked if patrons were given a choice of women to model the lingerie.

Sgt. Hollins stated that he did not know whether patrons were given a choice of women to model the lingerie.

The City Attorney (Efrat Cogan) asked if Sgt. Hollins would submit the investigation reports to the BLC.

Sgt. Hollins indicated that Metro Vice had sent

all reports to the City of West Hollywood.

The City Attorney (Efrat Cogan) stated that she had not seen any arrest reports and that the BLC would need to review these reports before making any final determination related to Mr. Davis' application for a Model Studio business license.

Comm. Sonnenburg asked the BLC members if they would like to take a 5-minute recess to review the police reports from metro vice.

The City Attorney (Efrat Cogan) stated that the reports should also be made available to the applicant and his attorney.

Chair Sonnenburg asked for a motion to recess for 5 minutes to allow for BLC and the applicant to review the police reports.

Motion: Comm. Elliott
Second: Comm. Maggio

Motion carries with all ayes from the BLC.

(The BLC members and the applicant's attorney, Mr. Clyde F. Dewitt reviewed the arrest reports during this 5 minute break and the meeting was then reconvened).

APPLICANT COMMENTS

Mr. Clyde F. Dewitt, Beverly Hills, spoke on behalf of his client (Mr. Thomas Davis). Mr. Dewitt asked if the sign displayed on Mr. Davis' business was correct address location (8442 v 8440 Santa Monica Blvd.). Mr. Dewitt stated that Lingerie Dreams was not an "adult business" as defined by the W.H. Municipal Code. He went on to state that the business is operating as a retail business and does not operate after hours, that is, between 2 and 6 a.m. Mr. Dewitt concluded his statements by asking the BLC for questions.

Comm. Ellis asked about the hours of operation for the business, if the owner was on-site during these hours of operation and what type of clientele patronized the business.

Mr. Dewitt responded to Comm. Ellis questions indicating hours of operation and he stated that Mr. Davis was on-site during business hours. He could not elaborate on the type of clientele patronizing Lingerie Dreams.

The BLC continued questioning Mr. Dewitt about the business operations of Lingerie Dreams.

Mr. Davis (applicant) spoke before the BLC and stated that his business (Lingerie Dreams) is operating as a retail store which is open to the general public.

The Commissioners questioned Mr. Davis extensively in regards to all of the business operations that were occurring at 8442 Santa Monica Blvd.

Mr. Davis responded to numerous questions of the BLC and then concluded his statements.

Mr. Dewitt gave final comments to the BLC regarding a letter that had been sent out to Mr. Davis (April 1992) from the City Attorney's office. Mr. Dewitt stated he had spoken with Mr. Davis upon receipt of the letter and indicated the City's position regarding business activities (i.e. modeling studio) at Lingerie Dreams.

The City Attorney (Efrat Cogan) made comments in regards to the noticing of the Public Hearing for Lingerie Dreams. She stated that all noticing had been done properly and legally. Ms. Cogan also stated for the record that one citizen from the public had spoken to the BLC at their August 4th meeting in regards to alleged prostitution activities occurring at 8442 Santa Monica Blvd. (Lingerie Dreams).

There were continued discussions and deliberations by the BLC and the City Attorney (Efrat Cogan).

Chair Sonnenburg asked staff to correct typographical errors in BLC Resolution 92-005.

Chair Sonnenburg requested that a motion be made to adopt BLC Resolution 92-005 with amendments.

Motion - Comm. Elliott
Second - Comm. Sonnenburg

Motion carries with all ayes from the BLC.

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Sonnenburg indicated that she had attended a meeting at the City Manager's office (Commission Chair's meeting). She appointed Comm. Elliott to represent the BLC at the West Hollywood Pride Award meeting.

Comm. Elliott stated that he would confer with all BLC members in nominating persons for the Pride Award.

Comm. Maggio stated concerns regarding the process of nominations becoming "political".

Comm. Elliott stated he would mention Comm. Maggio's concerns to the W.H. Pride Award Committee and went on to state that the nominee would be chosen by the BLC as a whole (majority vote) and given to the Pride Award Committee.

Chair Sonnenburg brought up the issue of state budgetary cuts and how these cuts will negatively affect the City's budget. Mentioned was made in regards to an upcoming (November 1992) election asking for the establishment of a West Hollywood police force. Chair Sonnenburg stated that the additional costs to the City would mean possible reductions of services provided by the City or additional taxes would need to be raised to offset these expenditures.

Chair Sonnenburg asked about regulations for valet parking companies working in West Hollywood area. She requested that staff bring back a report to the BLC in regards to valet parking issue.

Additional comment was made regarding noise problems at the Troubadour club on Santa Monica Blvd. Chair Sonnenburg asked that staff (Code Enforcement) look into the matter and bring back to BLC at next meeting.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Comm. Ellis asked about the status of Studio One's business license transfer.

Comm. Forbes (owner of Studio One) stated that there has been no transfer of license(s) and/or ownership.

Comm. Elliott asked about the status of Fleetwood's and Capone's ABC licenses.

Staff (John Jakupcak) indicated that he did not know the status of either business, but stated he would obtain the information and get back to the BLC.

Comm. Ellis asked about the status of BLC checks (payment for last meeting was not yet received).

VIII ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff (John Jakupcak) made a brief report on the Troubadour and Peanuts nightclubs.

The BLC mentioned some concerns regarding the continuing Model Studio operations at Lingerie Dreams.

Chair Sonnenburg requested staff to draft a letter to Mr. Davis indicating that all Model Studio

activities should cease immediately at Lingerie Dreams.
Staff (John Jakupcak) indicated that a letter would be sent to Mr. Davis.

IX. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

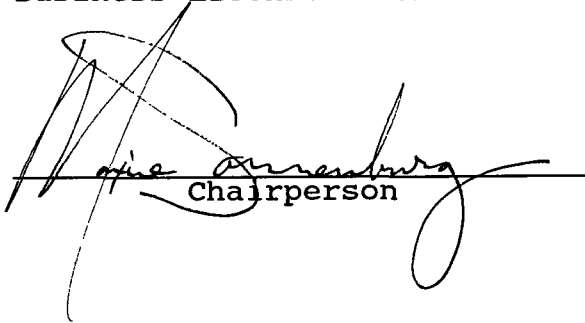
None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of October 6, 1992.

Motion: Comm. Elliott
Second: Comm. Maggio

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


Chairperson


Staff Liaison