

**MINUTES  
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

December 5, 1989

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Hollywood Business License Commission held on the above date in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA, was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Commission Chair Carole Ellis.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Henry Mendell

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch  
Smith, Stribling

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Anne Browning, Associate  
Planner; Corey Roskin,  
Code Enforcement Officer;  
Joe Crow, Administrative  
Staff Assistant; Ernie  
Sanchez, Building & Safety  
Inspector; Effie Cogan,  
City Attorney Counsel;  
Sgt. Powell, West  
Hollywood Sheriff's Dept.

C. Approval of Agenda

**Action:** To approve agenda as prepared by staff.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Stribling)  
Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes

**Action:** To approve the minutes of November 21,  
1989, as prepared by staff.

(Motion: Hirsch, Second: Stribling)  
Motion carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Budd Kops, West Hollywood, encouraged the public to attend the City Council meeting of December 11, 1989, to voice their feelings on the Cavendish West hearing.

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented on the cost of parking at the Pacific Design Center parking structure during the Christopher Street Festival. If the price was lowered it would encourage the public to use the facility, instead of parking in the permit districts.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. BLC-89-024  
Sakae Sueyoshi  
dba Oki Dog  
7450 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood  
Public hearing on the Public Eating business license

Staff report presented by Corey Roskin with additional information by Ernie Sanchez and Sergeant Powell

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

APPLICANT TESTIMONY:

Louis Bernstein, Legal Representative, Encino

TESTIMONY FOR SUSPENSION:

Ruth Williams, West Hollywood  
Gerda Spiegler, West Hollywood  
Robert Davis, West Hollywood  
Monica Gullon, West Hollywood  
Stuart Boss, West Hollywood  
Wilma Johnson, West Hollywood  
Suzanne Dautremont, West Hollywood  
Jami Horwitz, West Hollywood  
Floyd Mauch, West Hollywood  
Craig Reuss, West Hollywood  
George Grunwald, West Hollywood  
Johnna McHugh, West Hollywood  
Kenneth Hardy, West Hollywood  
Mark Vandervelden, West Hollywood  
John Staudinger, West Hollywood  
Richard Settle, West Hollywood  
Harry Williams, West Hollywood  
Dave Barbour, West Hollywood  
Ralph Feeley, West Hollywood  
Tad Bright, West Hollywood  
Edward Riney, West Hollywood

Craig LeBlanc, Los Angeles  
Robert Litvak, West Hollywood  
James Moody, West Hollywood  
James McHugh, West Hollywood  
Ron Goins, West Hollywood  
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood  
Henry Mendell, West Hollywood  
Art Tucker, West Hollywood  
David Enos, West Hollywood  
Gary Bozick, West Hollywood  
Sal Guarriello, West Hollywood  
Gloria Vassy, West Hollywood  
John O'Brien, West Hollywood  
Steve Martin, West Hollywood  
Budd Kops, West Hollywood

TESTIMONY AGAINST SUSPENSION:

Bob Greene, West Hollywood  
Tom McKnight, Los Angeles  
Kay Lee, West Hollywood  
Beano Agundez, West Hollywood  
Richard Lewis, West Hollywood  
Jim Beam, West Hollywood  
Jerome Pollack, West Hollywood  
Norman Greene, West Hollywood  
Wendell Williams, Compton  
Caroline Rose Smith, West Hollywood  
Troy Andrews, Los Angeles  
Ralph Weidman, West Hollywood

Applicant Rebuttal: Louis Bernstein

Closed audience phase of public hearing: 9:35 p.m.

Recessed hearing at 9:37 p.m.  
Reconvened hearing at 9:45 p.m.

Closed public hearing: 10:10 p.m.

**Action:** To revoke the Public Eating business license for Sakae Sueyoshi dba Oki Dog based on the fact that: 1) Oki Dog violated the ordinances of the City of West Hollywood in the operation of their business; and 2) that Oki Dog conducted their business in a manner contrary to the public health, safety and general welfare.

(Motion: Stribling, Second: Smith)

Stribling: Yes  
Hirsch: Yes  
Ellis: Yes  
Smith: Yes  
Forbes: Yes

Motion carried unanimously

**Action:** To direct staff to draft a revised resolution for the Commission's signature.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consideration to hold a public hearing for the renewal of a Dance business license for Pacific Fare, Inc., dba J. Sloan's, located at 8623 Melrose Avenue

Staff report presented by Ralph Winter

FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Ralph Feeley, West Hollywood  
Gloria Vassy, West Hollywood  
Mitchell Nutick, West Hollywood  
Bruce Traub, West Hollywood  
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

AGAINST PUBLIC HEARING:

Jim Furry, President of Pacific Fare, Inc., Santa Monica

**Action:** To hold a public hearing for the renewal of a Dance business license for Pacific Fare, Inc., dba J. Sloan's on January 16, 1990.

(Motion: Stribling, Second: Smith)  
Motion carried unanimously

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT:

- 1) Commissioner Ellis commented on the first meeting of the Sunset Blvd. Task Force.
- 2) Commissioner Smith commented on the monthly Commission Chair's meeting.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Smith inquired as to why the Commission does not have a study session with City Council regarding the Business License Ordinance.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- 1) Anne Browning informed the Commission that the hearing for Palette will go before City Council on Tuesday, January 16, 1990.
- 2) Anne Browning invited the Commission via Mike Radcliffe to the Community Alliance Holiday Party on December 15th from 6-9 p.m.
- 3) Commissioner Stribling inquired once again about the loss/suspension of liquor licenses of several businesses in West Hollywood.

VIII ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, complimented the Commission on how they handled the Oki Dog hearing.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Action:** To adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission of December 19, 1989, to be held in the Werle Building at 7:00 p.m.

(Motion: Forbes, Second: Hirsch)  
Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

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COMMISSION CHAIR

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION