

**MINUTES  
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

June 5, 1990

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The 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 7:17 p.m. by Commission Chair Carole Ellis. It was noted that a quorum of members was not present; therefore, official action could not be taken on any agenda item.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Maggio.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Hirsch

Commissioners Absent: Forbes

Staff Present: Bill Meeker, Associate Planner; Craig Rhea, Staff Assistant II.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. BLC 90-005  
Coincidental Interests II, Inc.  
dba Rose Tattoo Restaurant and Cabaret  
665 N. Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood

Application for Dance License.

No staff report was presented. Bill Meeker indicated that it appears that the County parking variance issued to Rose Tattoo may have expired. Direction is being sought from the Director of Community Development as to how that affects the actions of the Business License Commission, since parking is an issue normally handled by the Planning Commission.

Staff recommended continuing the public hearing until June 19, 1990.

IV. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT:

- 1) Commissioner Ellis asked staff to wait until the Commission meeting of June 19, 1990, to report on the items that staff was asked to research from the meeting of May 15, 1990.
- 2) Commissioner Ellis noted that she will probably be the Business License Commission representative to the Strategic Planning Committee since Commissioner Hirsch had previously been appointed as the Commission's representative and Rachelle Sommers Smith had been the alternate. This will be discussed at the next Commission meeting. A new alternate will have to be chosen as well.
- 3) Commissioner Ellis noted that the City Council will review the Business License Commission's recommendation regarding annual review of Dance and/or Entertainment Licenses at the City Council meeting of June 18, 1990.
- 4) Commissioner Ellis posed a question to staff regarding A Different Light Bookstore, located on Santa Monica Boulevard near San Vicente Boulevard, which staff indicated has applied for a business license. Staff will check to see if A Different Light Bookstore must come before the Business License Commission before they should be allowed to operate.
- 5) Commissioner Ellis noted that Palette is changing managers not owners. It was noted that if there had been a change of ownership a public hearing would have been required for a Dance/Entertainment License; it would have been treated as a new application.
- 6) Commissioner Ellis wanted to ensure that staff will have the information available at the Commission meeting of June 19, 1990, regarding the questions raised about Bar One's application at the last Commission meeting of May 15, 1990.

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- 1) Commissioner Hirsch shared with those present a brief history of the highlights of the Business License Commission. He wished the new and continuing members of the Commission success.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- 1) Bill Meeker thanked Commissioner Hirsch for his years of service on the Commission. Commissioner Ellis also thanked Mr. Hirsch and encouraged him to continue to appear and testify at the Commission meetings. She noted that even though Rachelle Sommers Smith has become a Rent Stabilization Commissioner, she has indicated that she will remain interested in the activities of the Business License Commission. Commissioner Ellis also welcomed the two new Commissioners and said she would encourage John Heilman to make his appointment to the Commission as soon as possible.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

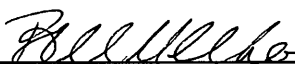
Todd Elliott of West Hollywood, who represented A Different Light Bookstore, noted that he believed that they had been granted a Temporary Use Permit by the City to operate during the period until such time as (a) the Business License Commission grants or denies them a Business License, or (b) the City Council approves the new ordinance which would exempt them from applying for the Business License. Bill Meeker indicated that he would check to see if that is the case.

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Ellis adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on June 19, 1990, to be held in the Werle Building at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

  
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COMMISSION CHAIR

  
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STAFF LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION