

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

September 5, 1989

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 Blvd., West Hollywood, CA, was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Commission Chair Carole Ellis.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hirsch.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch
Smith, Stribling

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Joyce Parker, Associate
Planner; Tom Hamlett, Code
Enforcement Officer; Efrat
Cogan, Assistant City
Attorney; Joe Crow,
Administrative Staff
Assistant; Lt. Gary
Stevens, West Hollywood
Sheriff's Department

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda as prepared by staff.

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

D. Approval of Minutes

Action: To approve the minutes of August 1, 1989
as prepared by staff.

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

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. BLC-89-013
Revision of City of West Hollywood's Business
License Ordinance (Continued from August 1, 1989)

Action: To continue the hearing opened to the
next regularly scheduled meeting of
September 19, 1989 of the Commission.

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

- B. BLC-89-019
Institute of Business Designers
dba Beaux Arts Festival
647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood
Application for Outdoor Festival license

Staff report presented by Hamlett.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY:

Barbara Burns, City of West Hollywood
Judith Wilson, Studio City

Action: To approve the application for an Outdoor
Festival business license for the
Institute of Business Designers to
conduct the First Annual Beaux Arts
Festival in West Hollywood on September
10, 1989, with the following conditions:

- 1) The hours of operation for the event shall be
from noon to 10 p.m.;
- 2) The applicant must not violate the provisions
of the City's Noise Ordinance as set forth in
Section 4300 of the West Hollywood Municipal
Code;
- 3) The applicant shall allow no more than a total
of 8,000 persons into the festival area during
the Festival;
- 4) The applicant agrees to provide off-site
parking spaces for festival staff, vendors and
guests equal to one-fifth of the number of
festival guests allowed by the license;

- 5) The applicant shall only allow to be consumed on the premises those alcoholic beverages specifically sold by the applicant on the festival grounds. No bottles or cans of alcoholic beverages are allowed on the festival grounds and alcoholic beverages served are restricted to beer and wine only. Alcoholic beverages must be paid for with tickets purchased at a separate location on the festival grounds;
- 6) The Commission waive the current Outdoor Festival license requirements for drinking fountain facilities, the prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages, as indicated in the staff report;
- 7) The applicant shall provide a person to monitor the library parking lot. That those spaces be used for and by library patrons only; and
- 8) That the applicant post signs stating that no one under the age of 21 shall purchase or consume alcoholic beverages.

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

C. BLC-89-20
Barry Mason Enterprises
dba Circus of Books
8230 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood
Application for renewal of General Bookstore
license

Staff report presented by Hamlett.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY:

Karen Mason, Los Angeles

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Testimony Against:

Abe Bernal, West Hollywood
Richard James, West Hollywood
Norma Kemper, West Hollywood
Jack Sroka, West Hollywood
Wilbur Maeder, West Hollywood
Harry Williams, West Hollywood
Tom Larkin, West Hollywood
Geoffrey Edwards, West Hollywood

Denise Crosby, West Hollywood
Lare Gomez, West Hollywood
Michael Philip, West Hollywood
Mike Radcliffe, West Hollywood
Rick Pieters, West Hollywood
Anne Boyd, West Hollywood
Stephen Martin, West Hollywood
Ed Dugan, West Hollywood
David Gregory, West Hollywood
Donald J., Silverlake
Robert Hopps, West Hollywood
Dezi Resznecky, West Hollywood
Brian Lantin, West Hollywood
Ralph Bower, West Hollywood
Ursula Bower, West Hollywood

Testimony For:

Roy Lahr, West Hollywood
Irving Sicherman, West Hollywood
Marius S. Vassiliou, Thousand Oaks
Jimmy Bangley, West Hollywood
Janet Eldred, Los Angeles
Terry LeGrand, San Fernando
Julie Stoves, West Hollywood
Walter Cassidy, West Hollywood
Roger Warnix, West Hollywood
Norman Chramoff, West Hollywood

APPLICANT'S REBUTTAL:

Karen Mason, Los Angeles
Barry Mason, Los Angeles

Action: To renew a General Bookstore business license for Barry Mason Enterprises dba Circus of Books with the following conditions:

- 1) That Circus of Books hours of operation be limited to the hours of 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week;
- 2) That Circus of Books remove the two pay phones located at the front of the building within seven days;
- 3) That Circus of Books hire uniformed guards during the hours of operation; and
- 4) That Circus of Books keep its property outside the store clean.

(Motion: Hirsch, Second: Smith)

Ellis: Yes
Forbes: No
Hirsch: Yes
Smith: Yes
Stribling: Yes

Motion carried.

Recessed meeting at 9:32 p.m.
Reconvened meeting at 9:39 p.m.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report by Sheriff's Representative

Lt. Gary Stevens, West Hollywood Sheriff's Department, spoke about the enforcement problems on Sunset Boulevard around the nightclubs.

Commissioner Stribling left at 10:04 p.m.

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT:

- 1) Commissioner Ellis inquired if the Commission could end their meetings before a set time.
- 2) Commissioner Ellis requested an update on Palette Restaurant.
- 3) Commissioner Ellis mentioned that she would investigate the status (ABC hearing) of Peanuts Disco.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Forbes expressed the concern of the Sheriff's Department ticketing parked cars on streets which are effected by the City's special events.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Joyce Parker commented that, according to the City Attorney, assessment districts could only be formed if they could prove to benefit the business.

VIII ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

Harry Williams, West Hollywood, complained about the problem of bottles and debris being trashed on his property near La Fabula restaurant.

Walter Cassidy, West Hollywood, inquired if the Commission could vote on two motions simultaneously on the floor.

Steve Katlin, West Hollywood, inquired about the motion passed concerning Circus of Books.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to a Study Session of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission of September 19, 1989, to be held in the Werle Building at 5:00 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

COMMISSION CHAIR

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION