

BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

MINUTES

**Tuesday, January 9, 2001
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM
647 NORTH SAN VICENTE
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Forbes called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

A. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT: Commissioners – Scott Forbes, Maxine Sonnenburg, Terry Morgan and Stanley Stalford.

STAFF PRESENT: Wade Davenport, Code Compliance Manager; Lisa Chilton, Business License Officer; Bruce Robertson, Administrative Staff Assistant.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Sonnenburg led A pledge of allegiance.

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Action: To approve the Agenda.

Motion: Morgan
Votes: All Ayes

Second: Stalford
Motion carried.

II. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Minutes from December 5, 2000.

Action: To amend the minutes to reflect the discussion of the Commission regarding the safety deficiencies at Noura Café and the blatant lack of regard for the safety of it's patrons. Specifically noted in the Commission's discussion were the egregious occupancy load violations as was noted by the Fire Marshall and the doors opening inward instead of outward which poses a direct safety concern. The motion is to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

The minutes were approved by a unanimous consensus of the Commission.

III. **ITEMS FROM CITIZENS - None**

IV. PUBLIC HEARING - None

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT - None

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Sonnenburg

- Questioned Staff as to the reason Noura Café is still operating given that the Business License Commission denied their application to operate at the November meeting.
- Asked Staff to investigate a noise disturbance in the vicinity of Sunset and Doheny.

Forbes

- Asked that any Commissioner who is available please attend the public hearing of Noura Café before the City Council to be held on January 16, 2001.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Wade Davenport

- Informed the Commission that pursuant to the WHMC Noura café filed an appeal to the City Council and is therefore allowed to continue operating until their appeal is heard. Mr. Davenport also stated that the Fire Department has been to the site to do a safety inspection and has noted that many violations exist, all of which will be presented as a part of Staff's report at the appeals hearing.
- As a procedural matter, Staff announced that all resolutions will be signed by the Chair at the meeting following the approval of that resolution. This will not delay the enforcing of the resolution but will act as a timely way in which resolutions can be presented and signed accordingly.
- All correspondence to commissioners will be delivered at the meeting immediately following the date the correspondence is received.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Three month review of Conditions of Approval from Resolution BL 2001-04 for Public Eating Business License REG000551 for the Kass-Bah Restaurant at 9010 Melrose Avenue.

Mr. Davenport presented the staff report.

Commission Discussion

Sonnenburg

- Recommended that Code Compliance make at least two (2) site inspections of Kass-Bah during the next 90 days to assess compliance to the Commission's approved resolution.
- Asked that notification of the neighborhood around Kass-Bah be made prior to the next review by the Business License Commission advising the neighbors that a meeting of the Business License Commission will take place.

Morgan

- Asked if Code Compliance has received any complaints, pertaining to Kass-Bah, during the past three (3) months.

Forbes

- Asked that Code Compliance visit Kass-Bah on more than one occasion during the next three months in order to establish compliance to the conditions placed upon them by the Business License Commission.

The operating conditions of Kass-Bah, and compliance to these conditions will be reviewed by the Business License Commission in another 90 days as is called out in Resolution 2000-04.

- B. Three month review of Conditions of Approval from Resolution BL 2000-03 for Public Eating Business License REG000384 and Valet Parking Business License REG001154 for Le Colonial Restaurant at 8783 Bonner Drive.

Mr. Davenport presented the staff report.

Morgan

- Visited Le Colonial and feels that they have effectuated positive changes in their operating procedures as requested by the Business License Commission.

It was the desire of the Commission to continue monitoring the operating procedures of Le Colonial and to revisit this issue in 90 days as is called out in Resolution BL 2000-03.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Business License Commission to be held on February 6, 2001 from 6:00 p.m. until completion at the City of West Hollywood, Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Motion: Forbes

Second: Morgan

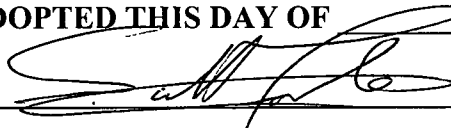
Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF

3/12/01.

CHAIRPERSON: _____



ATTEST:

BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICER: _____

