

**MINUTES  
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

September 19, 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 7:12 p.m. by Commission Chair Carole Ellis.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Lehman.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch,  
Smith

Commissioners Absent: Stribling

Staff Present: Joyce Parker, Associate  
Planner; Corey Roskin,  
Code Enforcement Officer;  
Joe Crow, Administrative  
Staff Assistant

C. Approval of Agenda

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

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

D. Approval of Minutes

**Action:** To approve the minutes of August 5, 1989  
as prepared by staff.

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

E. Circus of Books Resolution

Applicant Testimony

Mark Lehman, West Hollywood

**Action:** To accept Resolution No. 89 of the Business License Commission of the City of West Hollywood conditionally renewing a General Bookstore business license for Circus of Books with the following change:

In Section 4.a, delete "direct" out of the paragraph.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Hirsch)  
Motion carried.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. BLC-89-013  
Revision of City of West Hollywood's Business License Ordinance (Continued from September 5, 1989)

Staff report presented by Parker.

**Action:** To continue the hearing opened to the next regularly scheduled meeting of October 3, 1989 of the Commission.

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

B. BLC-89-021  
City of West Hollywood  
dba West Hollywood Street Festival  
647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood  
Application for Outdoor Festival license

Staff report presented by Roskin.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY:

Barbara Burns, City of West Hollywood

TESTIMONY AGAINST:

Martin Strudler, West Hollywood  
Ralph Feeley, West Hollywood  
Bruce Traub, West Hollywood  
Harriet Segal, West Hollywood

**Action:** To approve the application for an Outdoor Festival business license for the City of West Hollywood to conduct their annual Street Festival at West Hollywood Park, San Vicente Blvd. between Santa Monica Blvd. and Melrose Ave. on October 28-29, 1989, with the conditions indicated in the staff report and the following change:

In Recommendation No. 5, change "500 foot radius" to "two block radius."

(Motion: Forbes, Second: None)  
Motion failed.

**Action:** To approve the application for an Outdoor Festival business license for the City of West Hollywood to conduct their annual Street Festival at West Hollywood Park, San Vicente Blvd. between Santa Monica Blvd. and Melrose Ave. on October 28-29, 1989, with the following conditions:

- 1) The hours of operation for the event shall be from noon to midnight on October 28, 1989, and from noon to 10:00 p.m. on October 29, 1989;
- 2) The applicant agrees to comply with the provisions of the City's Noise Ordinance (Article IV, Chapter 3, WHMC) changing the prohibited hours from 10:00 p.m. to midnight on October 28, 1989 as per Council's directive;
- 3) 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, wine and "Royal LA" only. Alcoholic beverage must be paid for with tickets purchased at a separate location on the Festival grounds and consumed within the beer gardens;
- 4) The applicant agrees to provide off-site parking spaces at the Pacific Design Center for Festival staff, vendors and guests;

- 5) The Commission shall waive the current Outdoor Festival license requirements for parking, drinking fountain facilities, the prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages and the mailing of notices to property owners within a 500 foot radius of the event; and
- 6) That the Commission present a letter to the City Council informing them of the residents' and Commission's concerns in regards to inundating the west side with special events.

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

Recessed meeting at 8:41 p.m.  
Reconvened meeting at 8:48 p.m.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Policy regarding nightclubs on Sunset Blvd.

Staff report presented by Parker.

**Action:** To recommend that the Commission hold public hearings before renewal of the following business licenses: Gazarri's, The Whiskey-a-Go-Go, The Roxy, The Central, and The Rainbow in response to the complaints and petitions from the neighboring residents. The hearings would be held in order of renewal date, starting with The Roxy.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Hirsch)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. A commendation letter re: Early Lincoln

**Action:** To approve letter regarding Early Lincoln.

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

C. Conferences and Workshops

Parker encouraged the Commission to attend conferences/workshops pertaining to business licenses.

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT:

- 1) Commissioner Ellis requested an update on Palette Restaurant.
- 2) Commissioner Ellis mentioned that she would investigate the status (ABC hearing) of Peanuts Disco.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

- 1) Commissioner Smith informed the Commission of the present operation of The Speakeasy.
- 2) Commissioner Smith inquired about the hours of operation of the offices above The Whiskey-a-Go-Go.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None

VIII ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Action:** To adjourn to a Study Session of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission of October 3, 1989, to be held in the Werle Building at 5:00 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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COMMISSION CHAIR

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION