



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

374 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
(213) 974-7691



March 24, 2010 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Renée Campbell, Vice President
Diana Wood, Secretary

Absent

James Barger, Commissioner
Sara Vasquez, Commissioner

Commission Services Staff

Twila P. Kerr
Garen Khachian

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, County Counsel
Brandi Moore, County Counsel
Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax
Collector
Joseph Kelly, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Darren Harris, Sheriff's Department
Joe Trejo, Sheriff's Department

Guests

Chris Camilleri
Michelle Diaz, Kennedy Court Reporter
Ami Desai
Shivah Desai
Tina Haddad
Ryan Horton
Chaya Moltz
Rujireg Srisiltananon

MEMBERS
STEVEN AFRIAT
PRESIDENT
RENÉE CAMPBELL
VICE-PRESIDENT
DIANA WOOD
SECRETARY
JAMES BARGER
COMMISSIONER
SARA VASQUEZ
COMMISSIONER

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of March 17, 2010 – Approved.

Motion: Secretary Wood, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Recommendation to Deny Motel Business License ID#134442

Desai Dhavalkumar
Guesthouse Inn & Suites
11530 Whittier Boulevard
Whittier, CA 90601 (Fourth District)

Ms. Ami Desai, wife of applicant stated the property is being foreclosed. Mr. Shivah Desai, Manager of the motel indicated the business has been closed since February 27, 2010.

Mr. Joseph Kelly, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has failed to pay the Transit Occupancy Tax. Mr. Kelly informed the Commission he has communicated with Mr. Dhavalkumar Desai regarding underpayment of Transit Occupancy Tax by the business.

Ms. Desai presented evidence that a Bankruptcy case has been filed and that a hearing is scheduled for April 21, 2010. She did not know if the County/Treasurer and Tax Collector's office was listed as a creditor.

Due to the Bankruptcy filing, Commission members expressed concern about proceeding with this hearing until after the April 21, 2010 Bankruptcy hearing and would like the Desai's Bankruptcy attorney to be present.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission continued the above-mentioned item to May 5, 2010 meeting.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Application for Theater General Business License ID#135445

Hollywood Theaters, Inc/Ryan Horton
New Malibu Theater #2
3822 Cross Creek Rd
Malibu, CA 90265 (Third District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and there are no objections to the issuance of the license.

Mr. Ryan Horton provided a sign and notarized letter to represent Charles P. Kirk. Mr. Horton stated the establishment is a two screen theater. There are 3 shows daily and 4

shows on the weekend. The hours of operation are from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 12 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Saturday through Sunday.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

Application for Issuance of Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit

Recovery In Action International
Chaya Moltz
2917 Daneland Street
Lakewood, CA 91712 (Fourth District)

Ms. Chaya Moltz and Dr. Chris Camilleri (President) provided a brief background on the organization. The organization was established in 2008. The focus is educating the public on mental illness. The program applies peer coaching by visiting the clients. The Commission encouraged the applicants as a good business practice to enforce two signatures on checks.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the issuance of the Information Card.

Motion: Secretary Wood, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the application for Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Motion: Secretary Wood, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hope Family Education & Development Center
21732 South Vermont Avenue, #216
Torrance, CA 90502 (Second District)

Applicant was not present for the hearing.

ACTION TAKEN: The aforementioned license was taken off Calendar.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Sixty Day Review on Massage Parlor-General / SC Business License ID#136654

Rujireg Srisiltananon
Chommanard Thai Massage
26811 Seco Canyon Road, #E
Santa Clarita, CA 91350 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported the Sheriff Department has no objection to issuance of the license.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission referred the item back to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office for normal processing with no further review.

Motion: President Afriat seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Discussion Regarding City of Santa Clarita Request for Investigation of Massage Parlors

Tina Haddad, Assistant to the City Manager of Santa Clarita referred to the letter from Laurene West, Mayor of City of Santa Clarita, sent to Los Angeles County Business License Commission (BLC) requesting assistance "to help the City of Santa Clarita curtail activity and other problems associated with the recent influx of illegally operating massage establishments who have chosen to locate within the City."

Sergeant Darren Harris, Public Communication Liaison, Sheriff's Department Santa Clarita Valley Station echoed the same concerns. Most of the technicians and the managers of the massage parlors are not licensed. Deputy Joe Trejo, Sheriff's Department Santa Clarita Valley Station testified that the proliferation of massage parlors in the area is a concern.

ACTION TAKEN: Request Code Enforcement of the Sheriff's Department to further investigate the following five establishments outlined in the letter from the City of Santa Clarita; "Aupres Massage," "SL Massage Spa," "Relax Asia Massage," "A & T Health Center," and "Panda Massage" for compliance with the requirements set forth by the County. In addition, request the Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles County Public Health Department to look at furthering their investigation and code enforcement of all massage parlors in the City of Santa Clarita.

Motion: President Afriat seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were none.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA

There were none

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Steven Afriat, President