



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-4825)

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Present: President Steven Afriat, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger. Vice President Renée Campbell arrived after roll call.

Excused: Secretary Sara Vasquez

1. Call to Order. (13-4770)

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Afriat.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of September 11, 2013. (13-4771)

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Commissioner Lee, duly carried by the following vote, this item was approved.

Ayes: 2 - Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

Abstentions: 1 - President Steven Afriat

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hearing on application for Health Spa/Club, Business License ID# 140030, to issue a new license to Westlake Athletic Club, Gordon D. McKay, President of Westlake Athletic Club, located at 32250 West Triunfo Canyon Road, Westlake Village, CA 91361 in the Third District. (13-4773)

Note: President Afriat called Agenda No. 7 before this item.

Fernando Rubio, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Gordon D. McKay, representative for Westlake Athletic Club, provided an overview of the business. Mr. McKay stated that the business has been in operation since 1968 however it was recently purchased with the intent to demolish the current building and create a new building; all approvals by the City of Westlake have been obtained.

In response to questions posed by the Commission regarding the operations of the business, Mr. McKay indicated that the hours of operation are Monday through Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. They are currently licensed to sell beer and wine and a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from Westlake is stipulated. They currently have 470 members and are located on approximately seven and a half acres.

On motion of President Afriat, Seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, the commission approved the aforementioned license with the following condition that they comply with the existing CUP.

Ayes: 4 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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4. Hearing on application for Annual Dance, Business License ID# 139466, to issue a new license to The Little Dance World, Jennifer Tai owner of The Little Dance World, located at 16024 Gale Avenue, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 in the Fourth District. (13-4774)

Fernando Rubio, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Jennifer Tai, owner for The Little Dance World, provided an overview of the business. Ms. Tai indicated that the hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., they have a total of 17 members ages five through high school aged children; dance classes are offered for ballet, Chinese folkloric, lyrical, jazz and hip hop.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Ms. Tai stated that they are located in a plaza adjacent to other businesses such as a Karate Studio, Beauty Salon and Liquor store with a one way entrance and exit. Commissioner Lee, advised Ms. Tai to be cautious about the music noise level for surrounding residents. Commissioner Lee asked that the dimensions in the floor plans be revised to reflect accurate dimensions.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Barger, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the condition that a revised floor plan with the correct dimensions be submitted within 30 days to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Business License Office.

Ayes: 4 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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5. Hearing on application for Annual Dance/SC for the City of Santa Clarita, Business License ID# 140272, to issue a new license to Santa Clarita Ballet Academy, LLC, Corinne P. Glover, Trustee of Santa Clarita Ballet Academy, LLC, located at 26798 Oak Avenue, Santa Clarita, CA 91351 in the Fifth District. (13-4775)

Fernando Rubio, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Corinne P. Glover owner of the Santa Clarita Ballet Academy, LLC, provided an overview of the business. Ms. Glover stated that the business has been operating since 1992; it is a very successful dance school that offers the instruction at the highest level of ballet. Ms. Glover also indicated that a 501 (c) 3, Ballet Dance Company is an extension of the academy and performs in various Santa Clarita Community functions; the ballet academy is deeply rooted in the Santa Clarita Community.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Barger, Ms. Glover indicated that the establishment does not have a dressing room; however, four full sized bathrooms are utilized as dressing rooms.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 4 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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6. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Fredrick Jacobs for Jacobs Deliverance Foundation Corporation, located at 889 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103 in the Fifth District. (13-4777)

Commissioner Barger explained his concern with solicitors illegally using Jacobs Deliverance Foundation Corp.

Frederick Jacobs, representing Jacobs Deliverance Foundation Corp., explained that each solicitor is required to sign for the use of the

Information Card and identification cards have been issued. Mr. Jacobs further explained that the organization is trying their best to track and curtail the illegal use of the information card by issuing identification cards and portfolios to identify solicitors.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Mr. Jacobs asked that law enforcement be contacted when encountering a renegade solicitor, the use of portfolios will be implemented and a website identifying the organizations workers will be ready soon.

President Afriat expressed concern over the growing incidents of illegal soliciting with the organization and the limited involvement of Mr. Jacobs.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the issuance of an Information Card.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Ayes: 4 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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7. Hearing on recommendation to deny Secondhand Dealer Business License ID #140461 for Maria Argelia Barcenas, Secondhand Chance Resale Store, located at 24357 Main Street, Newhall, CA 91321 in the Fifth District (Continued from meeting date 9/11/13). (13-4187)

Note: President Afriat called Agenda No. 7 before Agenda No. 3 in consideration of the court reporter and presence of the City of Santa Clarita's Regional Planning representative.

President Afriat explained that this item is a recommendation to deny secondhand dealer license for Secondhand Chance Resale Store with the possibility of the two following options:

1. Overturn the recommendation to deny which would still not approve the license and continue with the licensing process or;

2. Uphold the recommendation to deny, ending the licensing process

President Afriat further explained that the City of Santa Clarita is a contract city and a customer of the Los Angeles County.

Fernando Rubio, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the recommendation to deny is solely based on the City of Santa Clarita's findings.

Jason Killebrew, Assistant Planner, City of Santa Clarita, indicated that the basis for denial is purely due to the zoning ordinance that was adopted in 2005, the pre-existing secondhand or used dealer businesses prior to the adoption of the ordinance are able to continue operating. Mr. Killebrew stated that the recommendation to deny and possible solutions were explained to the owner, Maria Argelia Barcenas.

President Afriat clarified that in the past he has represented the City of Santa Clarita; however, in the last twelve months no monies were exchanged and prior County Counsel representatives have stated that a conflict of interest would exist if the City of Santa Clarita was an applicant and not a representing body. Barbara Goul, County Counsel, clarified that a conflict of interest would exist if monies were exchanged in the last twelve months and if President Afriat or his firm was the representative for the specific license or the City of Santa Clarita; President Afriat confirmed his firm is not an involved party.

At the request of President Afriat, Mr. Killebrew explained the pre existing legal non conforming use and how it relates to this license. Mr. Killebrew indicated that the pre existing legal business must be established prior to the adoption of an ordinance; the Secondhand Chance Resale Store is not an established business and the prior business use was general retail, therefore, it would not fit into the category of a pre existing use. Mr. Killebrew also indicated that a variance process does not exist for the zoning and an option for them would be to convert to mixed use retail with 90 percent of new merchandise and 10 percent of used merchandise.

Ms. Barcenas stated that the business has been operating since September 2012 and only tax seller's permit has been obtained.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Mr. Killebrew indicated that the prior use of the location was general retail; the area has a high vacancy rate with an influx of secondhand, used dealerships and pawnshops.

In response questions posed by the Commission, Ms. Barcnas stated that the current lease is for a five year period. The original plan was to be a Christian bookstore with sales; she also has a beauty salon store next door to the resale store. Daisy, Daughter of Ms. Barcnas, stated that the current merchandise is used clothes, shoes, toys, furniture and housewares with a minimal amount of new undergarments; it would take time and capital for her to become a mixed use retail as suggested by the City of Santa Clarita.

Mr. Killebrew further indicated that code enforcement actions have been initiated which means that the owner does not have an extensive timeframe; options have been explained and he is willing to work with Ms. Barcnas.

Commissioner Campbell informed Ms. Barcnas that if she withdraws her application she may receive a partial refund, on the other hand if they deny the license a refund will not be given. President Afriat re-iterated Commissioner Campbell's information.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, this item was continued to November 13, 2013 to allow the applicant time to work with the City of Santa Clarita on a resolution.

President Afriat clarified that owner need not to be present on November 13, 2013 if the issue is resolved, a simple letter will suffice, unless otherwise specified.

Ayes: 4 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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III. REPORTS

8. Commissioners' Comments. (13-4778)

The Commission reviewed the Calendar for October. The Commission agreed to cancel the following meetings:

**October 23, 2013 and
October 30, 2013**

The next regular Business License Commission meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2013.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Public Comment**

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-4779)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of October 9, 2013. (13-4780)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.