

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2012**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Mark Zangrando at 6:04 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2012, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Williams.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Bob Shepard, Heidi Shink, Anne-Marie Williams, Mark Zangrando.

Not Present: Jimmy Palmieri.

A quorum was present at all times. City staff members present included Sam Baxter, Human Services Director; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Manager; David Giugni, Craig Rhea, Leslie Isenberg, and Jeff Book.

C. **POSTING OF AGENDA**

The secretary reported that notices for the meeting had been posted as required.

D. **PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Persons desiring to address the meeting were asked to complete a form.

II. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 8, 2012, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Shepard, seconded by Commissioner Cislowski.

III. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

James Aboagye, community educator with AIDS Research Alliance, spoke about clinical trials, an HIV vaccine study, and HIV co-infection studies. Their offices are at 1400 S. Grand Ave., in downtown Los Angeles.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **AGENCY PRESENTATIONS ON AIDS SERVICES**

The Commission received presentations from Dr. Brett Morana and John Riley, AIDS Project Los Angeles; Maribel Ulloa, Aid for AIDS; Kevin Kurth, Being Alive; and Steve Wayland, PAWS/LA.

Dr. Morana gave an overview of APLA services, including on-site case management, and a new substance abuse treatment program. Maribel Ulloa spoke about their agency being combined with The Serra Project, and noted the increasing cost of living in West Hollywood, especially with regard to housing and food. Steve Wayland spoke about the relocation of the PAWS office to downtown Los Angeles. They are doing food distribution at Plummer Park twice a month. Kevin Kurth spoke about the relationship between Being Alive and Antioch University, which now provides an LGBT specialization for psychotherapy students. He also discussed their medical updates, activities, and speakers' bureau.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMMUNITY STUDY

Daphne Dennis said the last full community study completed by the City was in 2006, and there are plans to do another one before the next funding cycle for social services programs. The process includes mailed surveys, interviews with stakeholders, and evaluation of data. There is some discussion of including questions regarding non-social services subjects. Commissioner Davis said he hoped the social services aspects of the survey would not be overwhelmed by other questions.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Shink spoke about visiting McIntyre House with Commissioners Shepard and Zangrando. She also spoke about Senior Month activities, the Health Fair, the SHE lesbian discussion group, and the future of the former Partners Adult Day Health Care building.

Commissioner Shepard spoke about visiting McIntyre House.

Commissioner Williams spoke about working with social services staff, the Women's Leadership Conference, the SHE discussion group, and CicLAvia, which is being held this week. She also spoke about the women's leadership awards and about visiting McIntyre House.

Commissioner Zangrando noted the reorganization meeting for City Council is this Monday, with a reception afterwards. He spoke about attending the Disabilities Advisory Board, and the next meeting of Tribe discussion group.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni discussed a calendar of site visits with commissioners. Craig Rhea said the food and nutrition planning and coordination meeting will be held tomorrow at St. Thomas the Apostle. Leslie Isenberg spoke about Senior Month, the senior Health Fair, and the Senior Awards luncheon.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Signed:

  
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Mark Zangrando

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