

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2015
LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Anne-Marie Williams at 6:01 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2015, in the Community Meeting Room of the West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jimmy Palmieri.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Rob Bergstein, Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Andrew Oldershaw, Jimmy Palmieri, Anne-Marie Williams.

Not Present: Ruth Cislowski.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included: Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Corri Planck and Jeff Book. Council Deputy Michelle Rex joined the meeting in progress.

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 for Feb. 10, 2015, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Bergstein, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

III. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Michael Wojtkielewicz spoke about interactions with City staff and programs.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **AGING IN PLACE STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Elizabeth Savage introduced Chris Corrao, Associate Planner in the Long Range and Mobility Planning Division, and Elizabeth Sadlon, who is the

consultant for the City in the Aging in Place strategic planning process.

Elizabeth Sadlon spoke about plans for a special meeting of the Human Services Commission, to be held May 9, 2015, in conjunction with delegates and alternates from designated boards and commissions, as well as interested community members.

Chris Corrao spoke about aspects of Aging in Place, including changes to the physical environment (such as homes designed to accommodate multi-generational residents), and said that the City of Portland, Oregon, is considering laws that would provide developers with a density bonus for building homes that are age-friendly.

Commissioners discussed aspects of the Aging in Place materials, and said that for many the desire to remain in West Hollywood as they age will be impossible for economic and other reasons. They said assistance for Aging in Place should focus on realistic ways to enable older people to stay in the community.

Elizabeth Savage said the process may provide information that will help in lobbying for changes to the Costa-Hawkins and Ellis Acts, which require rent decontrol after a vacancy, and enable owners to remove apartment buildings from the rental market and thereby remove tenants.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPROGRAMMING OF CONTRACT SAVINGS

David Giugni reported on staff recommendations on reprogramming \$96,403 in contract savings and unspent funds from 2013-14 Social Services grants. The largest part of the funds is from the non-continuation of the Frontiers Foundation and Aviva Children & Family Services contracts. Staff recommends \$60,103 to support a full-time staff position at the Jewish Family Service's Comprehensive Services Center, and \$36,273.51 to Bet Tzedek Legal Services. Marina Berkman of JFS and Jessie Kornberg of Bet Tzedek were present to respond to questions. The reprogramming of funds will be recommended to the City Council.

There was a brief recess.

B. REPORT ON PROGRAMMING AND EDUCATION REGARDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

David Giugni said that domestic and intimate partner violence was identified by the Commission as a priority at their study session. The City has a contract through the Public Safety Department with the LA LGBT Center for services in this regard. The City has also co-sponsored the "Out With It" campaign, which has information available on Facebook.

Commissioners expressed several questions and concerns about the "Out With It" campaign.

Commissioner Williams was designated by consensus as the liaison to the Public Safety Commission.

C. CALLING SPECIAL MEETING

David Giugni presented a recommendation that the Commission cancel its regular meeting for May 2015 and hold a special meeting on May 9, 2015, on the Aging in Place strategic plan. Commissioners discussed the basic structure of the proposed special meeting and whether to hold it in May.

Commissioner Meltzer moved to cancel the May 12, 2015, regular meeting and hold a special meeting on Aging in Place on May 9, 2015. This was seconded by Commissioner Palmieri and approved by 4 to 1.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Meltzer said the Friends of the Library met to discuss how to have an age-friendly library. She asked if Melissa McCollum, the acting library manager, can be part of the May 9 meeting. She also spoke about attending the Senior Advisory Board with Commissioner Davis.

Commissioner Palmieri said plans are underway for #SIZZLE!, the sober area at CSW Pride Festival. He also spoke about some doctors not prescribing Truvada to non-HIV-positive patients.

Commissioner Davis spoke about attending the Senior Advisory Board, said he hasn't yet received the annual financial disclosure forms from the City, and wished a happy birthday to Commissioner Williams, which was joined by all present.

Commissioner Bergstein brought greetings from former Commissioner Peter Mackler. He also said he is proud of the work the City is doing with the trans community, particularly in light of very difficult circumstances faced elsewhere in the country.

Commissioner Williams spoke about the Senior Valentine Dance and about attending the Public Safety Commission, and thanked everyone for their work and birthday wishes.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni said education of medical providers about Truvada and pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP and PEP) is also supported by the HIV prevention providers collaborative, which is working on a May 14 meeting with the National Minority AIDS Coalition.

Corri Planck said the \$25,000 request for proposals for capacity-building proposals from nonprofit agencies has been issued.

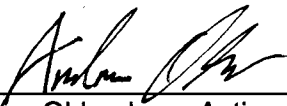
VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Signed:



Andrew Oldershaw, Acting Chair

7/14/15

Date