

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – MAY 9, 2015**  
**WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Acting Chair Andrew Oldershaw at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 9, 2015, in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was led by Ivy Bottini.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Andrew Oldershaw, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick

Not Present: Rob Bergstein.

A quorum was present at all times. Also present were Mayor Lindsey Horvath; Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister; Councilmember John Duran; Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Peter Noonan, Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager; and other Human Services and Rent Stabilization staff members.

C. **REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

The secretary reported that notices for the meeting had been posted as required. Persons wishing to address the Commission were invited to complete a speaker form.

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved without objection on a motion by Commissioner Cislowski, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer.

Welcoming remarks were given by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, Councilmember Duran, and Mayor Horvath.

Commissioner Oldershaw introduced the Human Services Commission and provided background on the purpose of the meeting as a step in development of an Aging in Place strategic plan.

III. **FIRST SESSION**

A. **WEST HOLLYWOOD EMBRACES AGING**

Elizabeth Sadlon, who is working with the City as a consultant on Aging in Place, led a series of informative and engaging exercises setting out what will

happen in the meeting, reviewing the previous steps in developing an Aging in Place strategic plan, presenting facts and experience of Aging in West Hollywood, and exploring the Eight Domains of Age-Friendly Cities, as identified by AARP and the World Health Organization.

Ms. Sadlon introduced John O'Connor, a consultant who will be working with the City on implementation of the Aging in Place strategic plan.

Elizabeth Savage discussed background for today's meeting, including the City's 2006 and 2013 Community Studies, interviews with more than 27 experts in aging, including discussions with 11 boards and commissions, 7 small groups with particular backgrounds, and 11 in-depth individual interviews. Information was also gathered through EngageWeho.org, the City's public engagement website. The focus has been on how to maintain and improve a community that is available, affordable, accessible, and culturally sensitive for those who are well and not-as-well as they age.

#### IV. SECOND SESSION

##### A. OUR AGING JOURNEY

From 11:15 am to 12:15 pm, attendees participated in three 20-minute small group discussions to explore ideas and innovation for Aging in Place, focused on the Eight Domains (outdoor spaces and buildings; transportation; housing; social participation; respect and social inclusion; civic participation and employment; communication and information; and community support and health services).

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from (1) A. Lee Walkup; (2) David Nash; (3) Nadia Sutton; (4) Rick Watts; and (5) Victor Omelczenko.

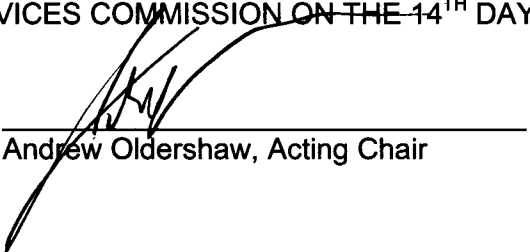
#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:37 pm, the Human Services Commission was adjourned to its next regular meeting, scheduled for 6 pm, Tuesday, June 9, 2015, in the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room.

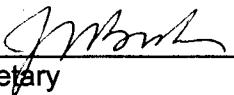
Following the adjournment, lunch was provided to attendees, and the public had the opportunity to visit the Innovations Café, which provided a glimpse of technological innovations promoting the health, wellness, and empowerment of individuals as we age.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF JULY 2015.

  
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Andrew Oldershaw, Acting Chair

Attest:

  
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Jeff Book, Secretary