

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2000
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

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The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Teresa DeCrescenzo at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2000, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: John D’Amico, Steven Davis, Teresa DeCrescenzo, Dr. Bill Griffin, Shirley Roberts

Excused: Ruth Cislowski, Peter Mackler

Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Commissioner D’Amico joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Staff present included Curtis Brown, Jr., Recreation Services Administrator; Tom West, 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 request form.

II. MINUTES

The minutes of the November 14, 2000, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Griffin.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

At the Chair’s suggestion, the floor was opened for members of the public who wished to address the Commission. David Helie, the new coordinator of community services for Dispute Resolution Services (Los Angeles County Bar Association), introduced himself and spoke about his agency’s mission. Garrison Smith of the Gay & Lesbian Center gave

an update on youth programs. Gabe Gutierrez of Children's Hospital Los Angeles spoke about their Youth Ambassador project.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. REPORT ON CONDOM DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Jeff Bailey of the Gay & Lesbian Center and Hillary Selvin of West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce provided updates on the condom distribution program. Jeff Bailey discussed the large number of condoms being distributed, and the variety of locations they are being placed, as well as seasonal inserts that are being included with packets now. Hillary Selvin discussed joint projects between the business community and the Center, and spoke about the mandatory condom distribution initiative on the upcoming city ballot.

Commissioner Roberts said she would like the Commission to formally oppose the mandatory condom distribution initiative, and asked for this to be placed on next month's agenda.

A. UPDATE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/PARTNER ABUSE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMING

Richard Ryan, the City's specialist in domestic violence and partner abuse issues, discussed various aspects of his work. He is currently co-chair of the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council, through which he and Susan Holt of the Center are developing a GLBT needs assessment for domestic violence providers. On December 20, a press conference regarding reducing domestic violence during the holidays is planned with Sheriff Lee Baca and District Attorney Steve Cooley. Work is proceeding on a City Hall administrative regulation dealing with domestic violence. He discussed expanding city participation in conferences related to domestic violence, including the Interagency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect.

C. REVIEW OF CITY'S HALLOWEEN PROGRAMS

Curtis Brown, Jr., presented a video of highlights of recent Halloween-related activities in the parks, and discussed the results of the October 31 festivities on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Commissioner DeCrescenzo asked that a fuller discussion of recreation and Halloween activities be placed on the agenda for January.

D. RECOGNITION OF PAST CHAIR

Commissioner DeCrescenzo presented a plaque to outgoing Chair Shirley Roberts, in appreciation for her work in that position. Commissioners and staff joined in applauding for Commissioner Roberts.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. FINAL REPORT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TASK FORCE

Tom West presented the final report of the Substance Abuse Task Force, and reviewed its contents. The report was received and filed by vote of the Commission.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

There were no additional items.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

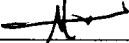
Tom West said that World AIDS Day had been a success, and thanked Commissioner D'Amico for serving as master of ceremonies at the awards ceremony.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Signed: 
Steven L. Davis

Attest:

