

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2006**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Steven L. Davis at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2006, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Jeff Book.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Augeri, Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Debra Farmer, Charles Henry, Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.

Not Present: None.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff members present included Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; David Giugni, Craig Rhea, and Jeff Book.

C. POSTING OF AGENDA

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

On a motion by Commissioner Mackler, seconded by Commissioner Cislowski and unanimously approved, an item for the election of officers, as previously required by action of Council, was added to the agenda.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the October 9, 2006, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Farmer, seconded by Commissioner Augeri, with the amendment that the meeting was adjourned in memory of AIDS activist Jeff Getty, at the request of Commissioner Davis.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER'S TRANSGENDER JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT PROGRAM

David Giugni reported on, and commissioners discussed, the proposed transgender program at the Center. Commissioner Davis asked why the proposal was not yet formalized, and Daphne Dennis said the City needed to know what the contract savings are before finalizing the contract.

Commissioner Farmer expressed concern that the contract was taking too long to develop, and moved to recommend the contract, designate contract savings for this purpose, and ask the Council to use unobligated funds to make up the difference. This was seconded by Commissioner Roberts.

The Commission engaged in further discussion about Council's intentions regarding new social services funding; about the procedure for making recommendations for funding; and about whether a recommendation to allocate contract savings, in the absence of an actual figure, is sufficiently specific.

Commissioner Farmer asked for the record to reflect her great frustration and anger that support for the program has not yet been finalized. She withdrew the motion, and Commissioner Roberts withdrew the second.

Matt Hamilton of the Center said that they will move forward with the program as soon as they are assured of funding.

Daphne Dennis said staff intends to recommend the program as a \$50,000 contract. The item will return to the agenda in December.

B. COMMUNITY REPORT FINAL EDITION

The final Community Report was distributed. Daphne Dennis thanked the Commission for its collaboration on the process, said what useful information had been developed in the study, and said that it has been provided to the various social services agencies.

Commissioner Henry asked if the report could be made available on the city's website, and Daphne Dennis said it could.

V. NEW BUSINESS – 7:10 p.m.

A. OPTIONS FOR RE-PROGRAMMING SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT SAVINGS

Daphne Dennis said the Commission had expressed interest in creating a regular process for dealing with contract savings, and that Council has supported the re-programming of such funds, based on recommendations to the Council by the Commission. Options include responding to unmet needs; rewarding high-

performing agencies with additional funding; or expanding the funding for urgent need programs. Also, first-year savings could be rolled over for reprogramming in the second year of social services contracts, and/or the City could request letters of intent from agencies regarding possible uses of the funds.

Commissioner Henry said he recalled that the level of funding for the urgent need programs had been thought adequate at the time it was allocated, and wondered if the situation had changed to require additional support. Daphne Dennis said she believed the agencies were anticipating that the programs would be eligible for further funding from contract savings, if available.

Commissioner Henry supported formalizing the process for reprogramming, and also said that agencies should have emergency plans for their programs and their clients.

Commissioners Cislowski and Farmer were designated by consensus to prepare a recommendation for the January 2007 meeting. Commissioner Davis said staff could bring a recommendation for urgent need funding in December, if necessary.

#### VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The floor was opened for nominations for chair. Commissioner Mackler nominated Commissioner Davis. This was seconded by Commissioner Henry. Commissioner Augeri nominated Commissioner Henry, who declined. In the absence of further nominations, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to declare Commissioner Davis elected.

The floor was opened for nominations for vice chair. Commissioner Augeri nominated Commissioner Henry. In the absence of further nominations, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to declare Commissioner Henry elected.

#### VII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

A plaque was presented to Commissioner Mackler, who is leaving the Commission and relocating to Long Beach. Commissioner Mackler recalled his first meeting, which was at Plummer Park in 1994; reflected on his years of service on the Commission; thanked the commissioners and staff; and commented in particular on the pleasure of having worked with Jodi Curlee and Mac McCoy.

#### VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis introduced Craig Rhea, a longtime city staff member who has accepted the position of social services specialist. He served previously in Community Development and Human Resources.

Daphne Dennis distributed the new H.I.V. resource guide prepared by the county.

David Giugni said there will be a candlelight vigil and march at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, which is World AIDS Day. The march will be from City Hall to Metropolitan Community Church, on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Staff reported on the "Well West Hollywood Walk," which was held recently.

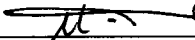
IX. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ruth Tittle of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and Tom Pavich of the Disability Advisory Board were introduced as liaisons.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

Signed:   
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Steven L. Davis

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