

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – OCTOBER 17, 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 6:03 p.m., Tuesday, October 17, 2006, in the RSD Hearing Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was repeated.

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 David Giugni 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

Minutes for the September 12, 2006, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Farmer, seconded by Commissioner Cislowski, with Commissioners Henry and Mackler abstaining.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tom Pavich introduced himself as liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER'S TRANSGENDER PROGRAM

David Giugni reported that the Council had concurred with the Commission's

recommendation to increase funding, and had directed staff to meet with the Gay & Lesbian Center staff to discuss and develop an Exhibit A and recommending funding, up to \$50,000. Staff has met with Vicky Ortega, is developing the requested information, and will return to the Commission and the Council with a recommendation.

There was extended discussion of the parameters and funding representations contained in the Center's original proposal. Vicky Ortega, Tripp Mills, and Matthew Hamilton of the Center spoke about the proposal. There was also discussion of where the expanded funding would be new funding, or moved from some other existing program or savings.

Commissioner Henry asked for a transcript of Council's discussion on funding for the transgender program, and for the urgent fund at AFA and JFS; for clarification of the source of additional funding; for an affirmation from the Center's senior management and/or board regarding their commitment to this program; for a program description and design to review; for a proposed budget and clarification of the Center's financial commitment to the program; and to receive this well prior to the next meeting, so there is time to review it.

Commissioner Davis asked for copies of the original RFP to be provided.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### A. SEASON OF WELLNESS / HEALTHY WEST HOLLYWOOD AND WELL WEST HOLLYWOOD PROGRAMMING

David Giugni reported that the Season of Wellness calendar will be coming out, with a wide range of activities included, including National Disability Mentoring Day on October 18, the Disability Awards on October 25, inauguration of the City's walking route on November 4, and an End Hunger press conference at SOVA on November 6. The Commission requested information on flu shots.

## VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Regarding the City's prevention campaigns, Commissioner Henry said it would be good if the City's campaigns could use the same theme across various issues.

Commissioner Henry asked if the City's nonprofit agencies are checking on their clients' disaster preparedness plans, and said it would be interesting to include this responsibility in their contracts with the City.

Commissioner Cislowski thanked the park staff for assistance with a recent birthday event.

Commissioner Mackler congratulated Nancy Beard and Bonnie Smith on the success of the AIDS Walk event.

Commissioner Davis noted that former Commissioner Ponsella Gratton had declined receiving a plaque at a Commission meeting, and so this recognition will be sent to her instead.

Commissioner Davis commented on the Annual Congress of Commissions and Advisory Boards.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni noted that the agency orientation meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 2, at Plummer Park's Great Hall.

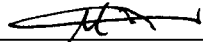
VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Vicky Ortega spoke about the Queen of the Universe pageant fundraiser, to be held Nov. 5, and about the second phase of the "HIV Stops With Me" campaign, which begins on Nov. 9. Also, the West Hollywood Transgender Task Force will hold its 8th annual day of remembrance on Nov. 20, and Metropolitan Community Church and Matthew Shepard Square.

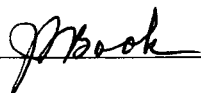
IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. in memory of Jeff Getty, an AIDS treatment activist from the Bay Area, who passed away recently at the age of 49.

The next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

Signed:   
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Steven L. Davis

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