

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – OCTOBER 11, 2005
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Steven L. Davis at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2005, in the Community Conference Room of City Hall, at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Daphne Dennis.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Augeri, Steven L. Davis, Ponsella Gratton,
Charles Henry, Shirley Roberts.

Not Present: Ruth Cislowski, Peter Mackler.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Nancy Beard, Recreation Services Administrator; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; 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**

The minutes of the September 13, 2005, meeting were carried over to the next regular meeting of the Commission.

III. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **REPORT FROM AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION**

Neil Aves reported on the mobile testing program, which had major increases in reported usage by West Hollywood residents in September. Michael Garcia

showed copies of the testing program's van-shaped calling card, and noted the van is available at Santa Monica Blvd. at Robertson on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.; and at Santa Monica Blvd. at Westmount, on second and fourth Fridays, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

B. REPORT FROM AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES

Mickie Robbins and Jason Roundy reported on developments since the last meeting, including hiring of a new addictive behavior specialist, developing a new flyer on psychotherapy services, and a community forum on holiday stress. There will be a forum on Sept. 28 regarding Medicare Part D, Medi-Cal and ADAP, at West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECREATION PROGRAMS QUARTERLY REPORT

Nancy Beard reported that it has been a busy summer for the Recreation Division, with programs including the day camp, aquatics, youth and adult swim teams, the Kids Crew drop-in program, and teen programs. Farmers Market has concluded at West Hollywood Park, but continues at Plummer Park. A world market with crafts is planned for next year. Other topics included movies in the park, a possible mobile skateboard park, and homelessness in the parks. Special events activity has included Emmy Award parties, a car show at Barneys Beanery, the Book Fair, human rights speakers series, AIDS Walk. A series of events will be held Oct. 27-31 for Halloween, with Ryan Seacrest as Queen of the *Carnaval* and Marisa Tomei as honorary mayor. M. L. King Jr. Day is coming up in January.

Commissioner Henry spoke about youth who smoke in the parks, and the need for no-smoking signs targeted at this concern. Commissioner Davis asked about the CSW report, and Lloyd Long said it would be distributed to commissioners when completed.

B. WORLD AIDS DAY COMMEMORATION

David Giugni spoke about plans for December 1, focusing on the theme "I Care, Do You? – Youth and AIDS in the 21st Century." A candlelight vigil, memorial walk, awards program, Quilt display, and scroll of names on CityChannel are being prepared.

C. AGENCY ORIENTATION FOR CONTRACT YEAR 2005-2006

Daphne Dennis said the orientation meeting introduced agencies to the second year of the current contract cycle, including information from Social Services staff and fiscal staff. She noted that Jerry Lazar of DRS has departed for a different job.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Because the regular meeting date in November coincides with the special statewide election, that meeting will be cancelled.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

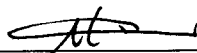
The annual congress of boards and commissions will be held Oct. 22 at the Bel Age.

Best wishes to Commissioner Cislowski on the birth of a new family member!

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Due to the cancellation of the November meeting, the next regular meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2005, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Signed: 

Steven L. Davis

Attest: