

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 21, 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 Shirley Roberts at 6:05 p.m., Thursday, September 21, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Ruth Cislowski, John D’Amico, Steven Davis, Teresa DeCrescenzo, Dr. Bill Griffin, Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts
Excused: none
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Tom West, and Eugene Paulish.

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 meetings of July 11, 2000, and July 12, 2000, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Commissioner Mackler abstained.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING SERVICES WITH WHEST

Daphne Dennis reviewed the background of funding recommendations which has brought this item back to the Commission for consideration at this time, including funds added to social services programming.

The Commission accepted comment from several people, including Sunny Kane, board member of Jewish Vocational Services; Anna Perez, with Le Parc Suite Hotel; and Carlotta, a client of the agency who was helped to find work.

Commissioner Mackler moved to fund JVS/WHEST in the amount of \$138,375. This was seconded by Commissioner Cislowski.

Commissioners Davis, DeCrescenzo, and others discussed the Council's support for the Commission, or lack thereof, and the possibility of notifying Council of the Commission's sentiments on this.

The vote was 6-to-1 in favor of funding WHEST, with Commissioner Griffin dissenting.

B. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HIV PREVENTION SERVICES WITH WEST HOLLYWOOD CARES, LA GAY & LESBIAN CENTER

The Commission discussed the proposed contract for HIV prevention services with West Hollywood Cares. Tom West noted receipt of a grant in this area, and will return to discuss implementation with the Commission.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve funding. This was seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and unanimously approved.

The Commission gave further discussion to the valuation of their work by the City Council.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. NUTRITION POLICY IN SUPPORT OF HEALTHY WEST HOLLYWOOD

The Commission discussed adopting the nutrition policy in support of Healthy West Hollywood. After discussion, Commissioner Griffin moved to adopt the policy with an amendment encouraging parent involvement. Commissioner DeCrescenzo seconded, and this was unanimously approved.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. COMMISSION MEETING CANCELLATION POLICY

The Commission discussed the policy for cancellation of Commission meetings, and reiterated that if a quorum exists for the meeting, it should proceed. In the absence of the Chair or Vice Chair, another member of the Commission will chair the meeting.

B. LIAISONS

1. CHAIRS MEETING

Meets next week.

2. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

No further report.

3. LESBIAN & GAY ADVISORY BOARD

No further report.

4. PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION

No further report.

5. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

A planning retreat will be held next week.

6. PARTNERS/ADHC

A program was held yesterday, and the program continues to grow in participation.

7. AIDS EDUCATION

No further report.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Lloyd Long reported that the Plummer Park renovation project is on schedule and due for completion in February 2001.

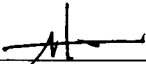
VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. in memory of Dr. Steven Gabin, Commissioner Davis's doctor, and in memory of Chuck Holmes, former member of the Human Rights board, and in memory of Robbie Jenkins.

The next meeting is October 10, 2000.

Signed: 

Steven J. Davis

Attest: