

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 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, September 12, 2006, in the Community Conference 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, Shirley Roberts.

Not Present: Charles Henry, Peter Mackler.

A quorum was present at all times.

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 July 11, 2006, and July 13, 2006, meetings were approved on a motion by Commissioner Cislowski, seconded by Commissioner Roberts.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Michelle Dennis spoke about the proposed funding of the transgender program, and asked that it be restored to the \$50,000 level. Commissioner Davis said that the Commission had recommended \$50,000, and that this recommendation, as well as staff's recommendation for \$25,000, would go forward to the City Council for final action.

Vicky Ortega thanked the Commission for its position on this, urged the members to contact the City Council, thanked agencies that had expressed willingness to reduce their own funding to enable this, and asked for formation of a working group to prepare programming for transgender persons.

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### A. RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION REPORT

Nancy Beard provided an update from the Recreation Services Division, focusing on ongoing programs as well as seasonal summer activities. Items included the new brochure; the 9/11 event; the Book Fair on Sept. 17; the Car Show coming up; AIDS Walk; and Halloween. The City provided 10 weeks of summer day camp; the Teen Advisory Board is functioning; swimming programs were busy all summer long; the Farmers' Market is celebrating its 20th anniversary; Liz Tran is a new coordinator in the Division; and staff is developing a "shadowing government" day to help youth learn about local government.

With regard to the CSW task force report, Commissioner Davis said he wished he had been included in that group, and objected to calling the event L.A. Pride when it is located in the City of West Hollywood and not the City of Los Angeles.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND FUNDING PROCESS REVIEW

Vivian Sauer of Jewish Family Services asked the Commission to reconsider moving \$15,000 from their contract, and spoke about their anti-hunger program. She invited the commissioners to visit the agency, including the SOVA Food Pantry site.

Daphne Dennis invited commissioners to comment on any changes to the social services funding process they would like to see for the 2008-2010 funding cycle.

Commissioner Cislowski asked for all to remember to introduce the programs in reverse alphabetical order next time, so that those who have often waited to the end of the meeting to speak would be able to speak earlier.

Commissioner Davis said the commission did not use a subcommittee this year, but that he had found this constructive in the past. He also asked for thought on how agencies that are not proposed for changes in funding would not have to attend and speak at the meeting. One possibility is considering new applicants and new programs first, and providing a later starting time for review of agencies that are proposed for continued funding.

Commissioners said it would be helpful to have a brief break, perhaps five minutes, before voting on the social services recommendations.

Daphne Dennis said staff is reviewing contract savings and will have an estimate and report on this at the next meeting.

Commissioner Farmer discussed monitoring outcomes and objectives, and Daphne Dennis said this would be a focus for the upcoming year.

There was also consideration of doing more site visits.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Cislowski discussed Councilmember Land's group meeting, and asked that as planning for large sites continues, that placement of agencies and social services continue to be considered as part of that process.

Commissioner Davis said no chairs meeting had been held recently, and that increased information from city leaders would be helpful.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

Signed:   
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Steven L. Davis

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