

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JULY 15, 2008
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Chuck Henry at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 15, 2008, in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Sims.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Debra Farmer, Charles Henry, Shirley Roberts, Hywel Sims, Mark Zangrando.

Not Present: None.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff members present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Craig Rhea, 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 of the June 10, 2008, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Farmer, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Valeriy Lumelskiy spoke about Time Presses, which is a recreational club active in West Hollywood.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE DESIGNATIONS**

Lloyd Long presented the request for the Commission to designate one member for the Plummer Park Project Design Steering Committee, and two members for the Halloween Task Force. Hywel Sims was designated for the Plummer Park committee, and Mark Zangrando and Steven Davis for the Halloween task force.

B. RFP REVIEW WITH APPLICANTS

Commissioner Henry reviewed the process and schedule for consideration of social services funding for 2008-2010, leading to staff recommendations and a public hearing on August 5, then commission recommendations on August 7, and action by the City Council, which is scheduled for September 15.

Commissioner Cislowski asked that urgent fund requests be separated out from other funding requests by the agencies. Commissioner Henry asked that columns be added showing the existing contract amount for current agencies, with a projected cost-of-living adjustment, separate from new funds being requested by agencies.

Applicants for social services funding then addressed the Commission and responded to questions about their proposals, including: (1) St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, by Fr. Ian Elliott Davies; (2) Russian Community Center, by Helen Levin; (3) Rainbow Bridge, by Linwood Patterson, Brian Romoff, and Joe Amico, as well as remarks by former executive director Brad Leathers; (4) Project Angel Food, by Robert Bowler and Marcos Arizmendi, who noted that John Gile has left and Margaret Steel is now CEO; (5) PAWS L.A., by Pamela Majette; (6) Pathways / West Hollywood Pre-School, by Eleanor Hodson; (7) PATH, by Joel Roberts and Ann English; (8) National Council of Jewish Women [Light Up a Library, and Women Helping Women], by Leslie deBeauvais, Jessica Olofson, and Sophia Dubinsky; (9) LAGLC Youth, by Dylan Gailey; (10) LAGLC Transgender Economic Empowerment; (11) LAGLC WeHo Life; (12) LAGLC Mental Health; (13) LAGLC Legal Services, by Roger Coggan; (14) LAGLC Sexual Health, with Precious Stallworth.

After a brief break, the meeting continued with (15) Jewish AIDS Services / Project Chicken Soup, with Katherine Friedman and Sherry Elkin; (16) Life Group L.A., with Mark Lonergan and Sunnie Rose; (17) McIntyre House, with Marianne Vecchione and Fire Riegel; (18) WeHo Alt, with Jonathan Brett; (19) Saban Free Clinic, with Donzella Lee; (20) Jewish Vocational Services / WHEST, with David Kruskall; (21) JFS Comprehensive Services Center, with Vivian Sauer and Marina Berkman; (22) JFS Partners; (23) JFS Nutrition, with Joan Mithers; (24) JFS SOVA Food Pantry, also with Joan Mtiher; (25) Friends Research Institute, with Kathy Reback and Josh Riley; (26) Dispute Resolution Services, with Toby Inlander, Karen Bhangoo, and Kathryn Turk; (27) Bet Tzedek Legal Services; (28) Being Alive, with Kevin Kurth; (29) Aviva, with Ira Kruskoll; (30) Alternative Living for the Aging, with Janet Witkin; (31) AIDS Project Los Angeles, with Jeff Bailey; and (32) Aid for AIDS, with Maribel Ulloa.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

There were no items from the Commission.

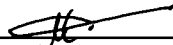
VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

The next regular meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2008, and Thursday, August 7, 2008, at Plummer Park Community Center.

Signed:  _____
Steven L. Davis

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