

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JULY 8, 2003
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 Peter Mackler at 6:08 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2003, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present: Ruth Cislowski, John D’Amico, Steven Davis, Dr. Bill Griffin,
Peter Mackler.

Excused: Teresa DeCrescenzo, Ponsella Gratton.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; 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 for June 10, 2003, were approved, on a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Griffin.

III. INSTALLATION

Councilmember Abbe Land administered the oath of office to Commissioner Peter Mackler, and declared him installed to a new term. She said she was sorry to see John D’Amico leaving the Human Services Commission, but glad that he would be continuing his service to the city as a member of the Planning Commission.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public at this time.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST

Rodney Scott of CSW spoke about their 33rd year, noting an improved quality in the parade, the presence of Cyndi Lauper and Belinda Carlisle as entertainers, the increase in the number of professionally designed floats. He expressed thanks to staff, commissioners, public safety officers, and everyone who helped.

For the 34th year, they are discussing expanding the land for the festival and possibly closing an additional portion of a street. He said in the coming year they would emphasize CSW's support and enhancement of local businesses, and were thinking of urging local businesses to do window displays that are consistent with the festival's theme.

Commissioner Davis said the community magazine produced by CSW was good, and asked about community working grants. Rodney Scott said the organization provides volunteers at \$7/hour, 4 hours per day, as a fundraiser for the group.

Commissioner D'Amico noted that oversight of CSW may go to a new cultural affairs commission. He said he was glad that the Commission had clarified that CSW is not a fundraiser.

Commissioner Cislowski inquired about appropriate separations between adult and children activities at the festival. Rodney Scott said they were receiving great cooperation from the leather and fetish communities in this regard.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO SERVICES AT THE SPOT

Tiffany Horton of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center reported on their testing program at The Spot for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia, and on outreach they conducted at LifeCycle and CSW. They may participate in testing of more rapid STD testing mechanisms.

They are considering adding clinic hours, and this must be reviewed as a possible change in the purpose of the property, and could need a conditional use permit.

B. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SCHEDULE

Daphne Dennis said planning for the RFP schedule for social services programs has begun. They hope to avoid holidays and school breaks, and will seek the Commission's input regarding the most helpful procedures.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Davis asked about selecting a replacement for Commissioner D'Amico as vice chair, and this was scheduled for the September meeting. Regular election of the chair and vice chair is scheduled for November.

Commissioner Mackler noted that an absence of quorum is anticipated for the August meeting. The chairs meeting is to be held July 29, and the last chairs meeting focused on the need for parking lots in the city.

Commissioner Davis asked for APLA social marketing to be placed on the agenda.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Lloyd Long expressed appreciation to Commissioner D'Amico for his years of service on the Commission. Commissioner Davis said he had learned a lot from serving with him on the Commission.

Commissioner D'Amico thanked staff and commissioners for their attention to the needs of the city.

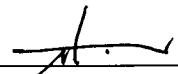
IX. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. An absence of quorum is anticipated for the next regular meeting date, which is Tuesday, August 12, 2003. Therefore, the next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2003, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

Signed: _____


Steven L. Davis

Attest: