

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JUNE 12, 2001
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 Teresa DeCrescenzo at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, 2001, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present: John D'Amico, Teresa DeCrescenzo, Ponsella Gratton, Dr. Bill Griffin, Peter Mackler
Excused: Ruth Cislowski, Steven Davis
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; and Michelle Bell. Councilmember John Duran was present.

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. INSTALLATION

A. COMMISSIONER GRATTON

Councilmember John Duran administered the oath of office to newly appointed Commissioner Ponsella Gratton, who was welcomed to the Commission.

III. MINUTES

Minutes of the April 10, 2001, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Mackler.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Anne Factor of WHEST provided two handouts and an update on their activities, which have included publicizing 692 job openings and working with 51 new businesses.

Dispute Resolution Services reported that they are contacting businesses to offer their services, in addition to working with residents who have disputes to resolve.

Scott Singer of AIDS Project Los Angeles discussed the peer buddy program and changes in their procedures.

Maple Counseling Center reported they are on track with their crisis response team. Daphne Dennis discussed seeking volunteer help from West Hollywood residents.

Abbe Land of LA Free Clinic discussed their new consumer education workshop, and the hiring of the new communications manager.

Betsy Spear of LA Shanti noted they have hired a new manager.

Rodney Scott, co-chair of CSW, discussed an increase in number of floats for the parade, with Adam Dryer and Fran Solomon acting as emcees.

Bonnie Smith said there will be an event at City Hall on June 17 to view the parade. The grand opening of the new Plummer Park facility is planned for July 29.

Alfred Herrera of Being Alive discussed a new executive director and board of directors, and termination of their housing roommate referral project. He said their efforts were being refocused on prevention, and noted the challenge of reaching people 25 and younger.

City Project offers safer-sex training and has been involved with Weho Life campaigns.

Weho Life reported on its activities.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. MID-YEAR REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

Daphne Dennis presented the mid-year report, including updates on City Project, APLA, Alzheimer's Association, Project New Hope, Weho Lounge.

Commissioner D'Amico discussed how the renovation of Santa Monica Boulevard has changed things for homeless people. This topic will be placed on a future agenda.

B. STAFFING AT PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Daphne Dennis reported that the City Council had approved JFS to hire staff to cover the reception area of the new Community Center, and guide people to classes and special activities.

C. REPORT ON PUBLIC FORUM ON HIV PREVENTION

John D'Amico attended a forum on HIV prevention and programming.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Peter Mackler did not receive notice of the last chairs' meeting. The Clerk's office will be asked to check on this.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved July 10, 2001

Signed: 
Steven L. Davis

Attest:


