

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JUNE 13, 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 Chairperson Shirley Roberts at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2000, 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. Commissioners Cislowski and DeCrescenzo joined the meeting in progress. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Division; 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2000, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. The May 9, 2000, meeting was cancelled due to the absence of a quorum.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. REPORT FROM GLC WEST HOLLYWOOD CARES

A report from GLC West Hollywood Cares was provided by Thomas Dyer.

B. REPORT FROM GLC MENTAL HEALTH, STD CLINIC, AND YOUTH

Garrison Smith of youth services and Jeff Bailey of health services provided a monthly update on activities at their agencies.

C. SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING PROCESS

Daphne Dennis presented information on scheduling hearings on social services funding. Commissioner D'Amico suggested that the Commission talk about broad categories of funding prior to staff preparing recommendations for program funding. He moved to hold a study session for this purpose at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 29. This was seconded by Commissioner Mackler. The question was called, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Davis moved to hold social services funding meetings on July 11 and 12, the first a public hearing and the second for Commission action, with only the second meeting being televised. This was seconded by Commissioner Cislowski, but, after discussion, was withdrawn.

Commissioner Davis moved to hold social services funding meetings on July 11 and 12, the first a public hearing and the second for Commission action, with both meetings being televised. This was seconded by Commissioner Cislowski. The question was called on a motion by Commissioner Mackler, and the main motion was unanimously approved. Commissioner Mackler noted that he has a meeting in Sacramento on July 12, and that he will attend the Commission as soon as travel permits.

Lloyd Long noted that the proposals from the agencies are available for the commissioners to review.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. HEALTHY WEST HOLLYWOOD

Daphne Dennis discussed possible ideas for expansion of this program. Commissioner Davis suggested health programs for people living with HIV, which would benefit others as well, such as exercise and yoga. Commissioners Griffin and DeCrescenzo spoke of holding a health fair, where providers of testing and medical information would have an opportunity to present their products to the public and do various kinds of screening and testing.

B. NOMINATION TO LOCAL DISTRICT "D" PARENT/COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mayor Jeffrey Prang had forwarded to the Commission an application to be considered for random selection to the Local District “D” Parent/Community Advisory Council for LAUSD. Commissioners Cislowski and Davis agreed to apply in this manner. Staff will submit applications on their behalf.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. LIAISONS

1. CHAIRS MEETING

No further information.

2. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

Frida Aizenman of DAB was present. She spoke about placement of accessible doorknobs.

3. LESBIAN & GAY ADVISORY BOARD

No additional report.

4. PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION

No additional report.

5. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

No additional report.

6. PARTNERS / ADHC

Meets next week.

7. AIDS EDUCATION

Commissioner Davis said he attended a consortium meeting on condoms and the reported outbreak of syphilis in Los Angeles County.

Commissioner D’Amico asked staff to follow up on the City becoming a member of the Care Coalition, and whether this had been done, or was authorized by a Council item.

Commissioner Mackler attended Saturday in the Park, and praised the “toys for guns” exchange program. He said about 30 toy guns were exchanged for other

toys, and suggested that this become a monthly event. Commissioner Davis also attended, and said it was very enjoyable.

Commissioner Mackler noted that Whole Foods is on the AFL-CIO "Do Not Patronize" list, due to labor-related issues.

Commissioner Cislowski said she will probably be unable to attend Disability Advisory Council meetings because of when they are held.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Lloyd Long reported that he, Curtis Brown, and Steven Davis had gotten together to talk about recreation programming.

Commissioner Davis asked how Pride Weekend went, and Lloyd Long said they had received four complaints in all, and they were in regard to trash pickup. He said attendance was somewhat lower than in recent years. There were no major incidents. He said Council is reviewing concerns about the overall look and content of the festival and parade, and about the capacity of Christopher Street West to provide the kind of event the City would like to see.

Commissioner Cislowski said she heard some parents brought very young children to the event, and suggested having information available for such children on their own level.

Daphne Dennis said staff is distributing the RFP boxes for Commissioners to review. She noted the Apple Awards at Kings Road Park, with eight recipients.

Commissioner D'Amico asked if the pool is open, and Lloyd Long said it was open six days before CSW began, was then closed for the duration of CSW and cleanup, and will reopen shortly. A rededication ceremony is planned for July.

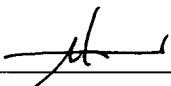
VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. in memory of Bob Craig and Brad King.

A special study session will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 29, 2000 in a location to be announced.

Signed: 
Steven L. Davis

Attest: