

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2008**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Chuck Henry at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2008, in the RSH Hearing Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Zangrando.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Charles Henry,  
Shirley Roberts, Hywel Sims, Mark Zangrando.  
Not Present: Debra Farmer.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff members present included 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**

Draft minutes of the May 13, 2008, meeting were corrected to reflect that an amendment had been made to the minutes of the April 15, 2008, meeting, regarding Item IV.A. The minutes as amended were approved on a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Sims.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roger Coggan of the Gay & Lesbian Center introduced Drian Juarez and Christian Calle of the job placement and empowerment staff.

Michael Sidler said there is an absence of counseling and peer groups for women with disabilities, and asked what resources can be made available for heterosexual men who have been raped. Daphne Dennis said she would discuss these topics with her.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. REPORT FROM AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION / STD TESTING

Staff reported on a letter from Whitney Engeran, director of AHF's public health division, ending the STD testing contract with the city as of June 30, 2008. Craig Rhea said May 2008 report numbers were high enough to justify continued probation for the program, but that the agency decided to terminate. AHF will continue to provide services in West Hollywood under its OAPP contract with the county. Daphne Dennis said that due to the early termination of the contract, there will be about \$10,000 in unexpended funds available as savings at the end of the current contracts.

B. REPORT ON TRANSIT PROGRAMS

This item was rescheduled to a later meeting.

C. REPORT ON "GAY HEROES" HIV PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

David Giugni reported on the new campaign, which features 12 people in print and display ads on 125 bus shelters. Several of the models will participate in chats through WeHo Life.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. MID-YEAR REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

Daphne Dennis presented the written report on social services programs at mid-year. Commissioners discussed a number of questions about data collection, performance toward goal, year-to-year comparisons, and performance by specific agencies.

Donzella Lee of Saban Free Clinic said data from their agency is being corrected, and new reports will be submitted.

Kathryn Turk of Dispute Resolution Services said they often face a challenge in persuading people to reach final resolutions, because some choose not to agree. They are working on adding a Russian language capability, and materials are being translated into Russian.

Commissioner Davis said the success rate in resolving disputes was disappointing, particularly since the agency used to tout the high rate of success as an attractive feature of its services. Commissioner Henry said it may be possible to reevaluate the proportions expected for intake, meetings, and final resolutions.

Ann English of PATH said her agency was glad to be in collaboration with the City. There is a graduation program on June 12 at the Regional Homeless Center, and June 26 will be Hollywood/West Hollywood Connect Day, at the Music Box Theatre.

Commissioner Henry said he would like to see organizational charts from the

agencies applying for 2008-2010 funding, not as part of the RFP but at the meeting where the agencies seek funding.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis provided a handout on the same-sex marriage license procedures the City is assisting with, in light of the recent California Supreme Court ruling that the state constitution requires equal access to marriage.

A card for the "Who's Hungry?" program at Plummer Park was given to the Commission.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Commissioner Zangrando spoke about the Dyke March.

Commissioner Davis said the Pride parade was improved this year, and noted that staff once again restored the streets to clean and functional order with great speed.

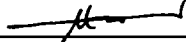
VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ruth Tittle, liaison from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, spoke about "A Place to Love," a documentary showing at Outfest on July 12.

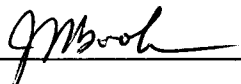
IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. with two notations: (1) in memory of Joyce Green of AIDS Hospice Foundation, at the request of Commissioner Sims; and (2) in recognition of Commissioner Davis's birthday on June 17.

The next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, at West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

Signed:   
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Steven L. Davis

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