

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – MAY 9, 2006
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Peter Mackler at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2006, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Cislowski.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Augeri, Ruth Cislowski, Deb Farmer,
Charles Henry, Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.
Not Present: Steven L. Davis

A quorum was present at all times. Commissioner Farmer joined the meeting in progress. Staff present included Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, 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 April 11, 2006, meeting are pending.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mickie Robbins of APLA provided an update on mental health services there, including a community forum on crystal methamphetamine, which was held May 8. Jason Roundy of APLA also provided an update on programs and advertising. Commissioner Mackler expressed concerns about the decision to use "The Good, the Sad, and the Ugly" as the title for the forum.

Jerome Boyce discussed the importance of quality assurance in the RFP process, and said

that people living with AIDS should be included in feedback for social services agencies. He favored greater quantitative and qualitative reporting by agencies, and external review of agencies to encourage efficiency. He also spoke about the Denver principles for HIV/AIDS services.

David Nash of the Palm View resident advisory board, spoke about developments there, including the APLA proposal, and a message from Congressman Waxman.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. AGENCY REPORT

Tripp Mills provided an update from the WeHo Life program, which he said was at 50% of goal in most categories as of the March 2006 report. He said the April results were good, and that they expected to end the year in the 80-100% range. Launch of a new website is coming up.

B. COMMUNITY STUDY

Daphne Dennis provided working copies of the 2006 community survey, which is being reviewed for errors before final publication. The final product will include a summary for the public. General information from the study will be distributed widely, with an anticipated release date by the end of June.

Commissioner Henry spoke about the challenge of having space for social services agencies inside the city, and there was discussion of the possibility of developing a municipal compound similar to the Center's Ed Gould Village, where agencies could be located. Planning staff will be asked to attend the next Commission meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. HIV PREVENTION MONTH

David Giugni spoke about activities and special events planned in recognition of HIV Prevention Month, which will include the 25th anniversary of the first reported AIDS case. A press conference will be held at City Hall on June 5. A new prevention campaign is also being launched, and Club Freedom will again be held during the Pride Festival.

B. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY AWARD

Leslie Isenberg reported that West Hollywood has been recognized with the Access America Award of the National Organization on Disability, which involves an unrestricted \$20,000 prize. The Disabilities Advisory Board will be making recommendations on how these funds may be used.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Roberts noted the Newsweek issue marking the 25th anniversary of the first HIV/AIDS case.

Commissioner Cislowski spoke about the Healthy West Hollywood Fair, which was held recently.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff noted that today would have been the 46th birthday of Mac McCoy, who served as administrative assistant in Human Services.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jerome Boyce noted that the cultural center and buildings under consideration for future construction could have a multi-purpose component, for possible use by social services agencies.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. in memory of Mac McCoy.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2006, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Signed: _____

Ruth Cislowski

Attest:

J. Book