

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – MARCH 14, 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, March 14, 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, Dr. Bill Griffin,  
Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts  
Excused: Teresa DeCrescenzo  
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Commissioner Cislowski joined the meeting in progress. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Division; Tom West, Social Services Division; Richard Ryan, Public Safety Division; Bryan Cook, City Manager’s Office.

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 February 8, 2000, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Mackler. Commissioner Roberts abstained.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Richard Ryan, Acting Public Safety Manager, informed the Commission about the creation of an ad hoc Senior Safety working group, and asked for volunteers from the commission. Commissioner Roberts said that the commission would get back to his offices with an answer.

A. STATUS REPORT ON GLC MENTAL HEALTH, STD CLINIC, AND YOUTH

The GLC mental health, STD clinic, and youth services programs had been invited to provide a monthly update on their activities. Garrison Smith of LAGLC Youth Services and Wendy Douglas of LAGLC's STD Clinic, provided the update for their respective programs, noting activities during the past month.

Smith noted that Denise Jones is the new manager, and that systematic reporting procedures have been fully implemented, and a new procedures and policies manual is being reviewed.

Tom West noted that he does numerous site visits each quarter to verify the reporting numbers produced by the Center.

Laura Elemen of Addiction Recovery Services discussed the Men's Crystal Meth group programming.

B. STATUS REPORT ON CONDOM DISTRIBUTION

Jeff Bay of LAGLC gave an update on condom distribution throughout the City, and described their recent campaign. Currently there are 28 locations, with drop-off of materials and condoms twice a week to each location. Commissioner Mackler commented about the tampering of condoms.

C. RFP RATING SYSTEM

Tabled for next meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. PLUMMER PARK COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES CENTER

Lloyd Long gave an update on the removal of tables where illegal activities were taking place, currently these activities have spread to other areas of the park.

Rich Ryan stated that the West Hollywood Sheriff's COPS Team is making a more concerted effort to deal with this situation.

Catherine Hahn of the Public Facilities Commission spoke about the groundbreaking of the new Plummer Park Comprehensive Services Center. Commissioner Hahn also spoke about the controversy surrounding the removal of the tables, and stated the options are being explored so that legitimate activities can take place in the area. In particular, the purchasing of the new two-chair chess tables is being discussed as an option.

The Commission requested that the Recreation Services Division return with a brochure of the activities that will take place at the new center.

B. RFP TIMELINE

Daphne Dennis reported on RFP timeline for social service agencies. She stated that the commission's recommendation would be presented to Council on August 7<sup>th</sup>. At July meeting commission will finalize recommendations. Commissioner Mackler inquired into the approval process and how it related to the City Council's approval of funding for these agencies.

C. SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING PRIORITIES

Daphne Dennis discussed the guidelines for the prioritization process, and Discussed how to narrow and extract priorities from commission. A new emphasis on resident youth, youth homeless, programming with surrounding schools appear to be the priorities of Council, along with continuing and increasing services for seniors, and AIDS outreach and education.

Commissioner Cislowski asked about the types of applications coming to the City. She also asked how the process ensures that viable organizations are applying for funding. Daphne Dennis stated that the City sees the same applicants each year who are generally leaders in their fields, and that each applicants is given proper consideration.

Commissioner D'Amico asked about the affordable housing provision. Daphne Dennis discussed the services that the division and other City divisions provided under that provision. Commissioner Davis asked that staff returned to the commission a copy of the Council's study session booklet on housing, and spoke of the Commission's need to step into the affordable housing debate.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. ASSEMBLY BILL 2000 (VILLARAIGOSA), RE: HUMAN RELATIONS -- SHIRLEY ROBERTS

Commissioner Roberts spoke about the legislative proposal concerning the creation of a State Human Relations Commission, and asked the commission to send a letter of support to the Speaker of the Assembly. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Mackler.

B. COMMISSION RETREAT

Lloyd Long and Commissioner Mackler spoke of the need for the commission to have a retreat. Mr. Long stated that a facilitator would be provided. The Commission scheduled the retreat for June 3.

C. LIAISONS

1. CHAIRS MEETING

Chairs meeting was canceled for the month of March.

2. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

No additional report.

3. LESBIAN & GAY ADVISORY BOARD

No additional report.

4. PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION

No additional report.

5. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Roberts attended last meeting. Discussed March Ballot Propositions.

6. PARTNERS / ADHC

No further report.

7. AIDS EDUCATION

No further report.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis informed the Commission about the City of West Hollywood's application for the All-American Cities Award. Social Services submitted an application for their work with the Healthy West Hollywood Project.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

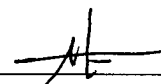
There were no additional items from the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

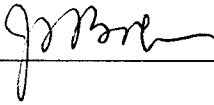
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2000 in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

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Steyen L. Davis

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