

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2003**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Vice Chair John D'Amico at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2003, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present: Ruth Cislowski, John D'Amico, Steven Davis,  
Ponsella Gratton, Dr. Bill Griffin.

Excused: Teresa DeCrescenzo, Peter Mackler.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Nancy Beard, Recreation Services Administrator; Tom West; 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

The minutes for February 11, 2003, were corrected to reflect that Commissioner Davis said he thought oversight responsibility for CSW should go to someone who would closely monitor the event, whether that is a commission or an entity appointed by the City Council for that purpose, rather than to the City Council itself.

With that correction, the minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Gratton.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tripp Mills of WeHo Life spoke about condom distribution.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HOUSING MANAGER

Jeff Skorneck, the new Housing Manager in the Department of Rent Stabilization and Housing, reviewed his role with regard to housing development, which includes code compliance, but does not include the landlord/tenant area of rent stabilization.

Commissioner Cislowski asked about the loss of affordable housing and shopping, including grocery stores and drugstores. Jeff Skorneck said this would be a part of his work, and discussed the Gateway project.

Commissioner Davis asked about overparking on residential streets, and ways this can be improved.

B. RECREATION UPDATE

Nancy Beard provided an update on recreation services, including a new flyer for the Teen Center, and a review of facilities and current staffing. She noted the city will be losing the Havenhurst community garden site later this year, due to its development.

Commissioner Cislowski spoke about keeping staff informed about programs and changes. Nancy Beard said this is an ongoing task, and that trainings are held twice a year. Commissioner Davis asked about expanding the Tiny Tots program. Nancy Beard said there is no additional space right now, but future expansion is planned.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. STAPH INFECTIONS

Quentin O'Brien, director of health programs at the Gay & Lesbian Center, spoke about an increase in staph infections in Los Angeles county. He noted they are expanding hours at The Spot to provide more access to services, and looking at using The Spot for a special program during CSW.

Tom West noted that APLA, Being Alive and WeHo Life are also assisting with getting information out.

B. WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOVERY CENTER

Tom West spoke about the need for relocating 12-step meetings due to loss of the current facility. Establishment of a new program to host these meetings is under consideration.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Davis asked staff to check on the discount being offered seniors at Whole Foods Market, because someone was told the discount did not apply to food.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Tom West noted June will be HIV Prevention Month, and that plans are being made.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

John Bailey, a member of the Fine Arts Commission, brought greetings from that group and said that he would be attending Human Services Commission meetings from time to time as a liaison. He invited interested commissioners to attend Fine Arts meetings, which are held on the 4th Thursday.

Michael Sidler of West Hollywood spoke about the nutritional content of at-home meals provided through city-funded services, and distributed an eight-page memorandum outlining concerns about this.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2003, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven L. Davis

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J. Mook