

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – MARCH 9, 1999
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 Steven Davis at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 1999, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Davis, Bob Graney, Pamela Komac, Shirley Roberts
Excused: Teresa DeCrescenzo, John Nieto, Renée Rosenfeld
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Tamar Springer, and Jeff Book. Council Deputies Fran Solomon and Howard Jacobs were also present.

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

The minutes of the February 9, 1999, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Komac.

Without objection, the agenda was amended to provide that Item IV. B., Board & Care / HUD Outreach, would be taken up next.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. BOARD & CARE / HUD OUTREACH

As noted in the minutes of the January 5, 1999, meeting, Commissioner Komac had expressed several concerns with regard to the JFS Board & Care contract: (1) whether the numbers reported for the Kings Road facility, pp. 48-49 of the year-end report, are accurate, and whether persons who had not participated in the programs have signed roll sheets as participants; (2) whether services are duplicated due to both City funding and HUD funding of activities; and (3) whether persons are encouraged to attend outside activities. In response, Daphne Dennis said staff would review the legitimate-participation and outside activities issues, and that the appropriateness of activities issue was already being handled in arbitration.

Daphne Dennis reported on the completion of this review, and said that one-hour activity sessions are available at the facility, with an average attendance of 10 during the period in question, reflecting an overall ongoing caseload of 18 unduplicated persons. Tamar Springer verified that attendance records were properly being kept. Staff found no evidence that non-participants were being asked to sign attendance sheets.

Commissioner Komac challenged the accuracy of the reported numbers, said the program has caused confusion and disruption among tenants, and that the board of directors of the tenants association had decided that they did not want the program being held there. She said the tenants association, of which she is president, wants staff to recognize that they do not want the program back. She said the rooms used by the program are community rooms for the use of all the tenants, that their use is controlled by the board of directors, which speaks for the tenants, and that use of the rooms by the program was disruptive to tenants because the rooms were unavailable for other purposes.

Commissioner Graney asked whether Commissioner Komac was speaking as a member of the Commission or as an advocate for the tenants association, and Commissioner Komac indicated that she was speaking in both capacities. Whether this is precluded by conflict-of-interest rules was raised, and Lloyd Long said that an opinion from the City Attorney would be requested.

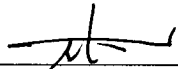
Lloyd Long said that Council establishes the City's social services policy, with input from the Human Services Commission, and that staff seeks to implement the programs that Council has adopted. He said staff's only goal is provision of services for people in the community who need them. Staff will report on options for Commission and Council action with regard to this matter.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At this point in the meeting, Commissioner Roberts had to leave to fulfill another obligation. This resulted in a loss of the quorum for the meeting, and the meeting was therefore adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 1999, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 20, 1999



Steven L. Davis, Chair

Date



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

Date