

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 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 Chair Peter Mackler at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 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, Peter Mackler.  
Excused: Teresa DeCrescenzo.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; 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 December 10, 2002, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Cislowski, seconded by Commissioner Davis. Commissioners Griffin and Mackler abstained.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Angie Cooper of JVS said Anne Factor was moving on after 13 years with the agency, most of which were spent in the employment program at West Hollywood. She presented a bouquet to Anne on behalf of the agency. Anne thanked commissioners and staff for their cooperation and help over the years.

Angie Cooper introduced Veronica Cernos as a new part of the JVS team.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

Daphne Dennis presented the year-end report on social services programs. She said Elizabeth Savage was working on calculating whether there were any savings in the program budget.

Representatives of several social services programs, including Tripp Mills of the Center, Joya Parenteau of Project Angel Food, Rachel Bercovic of JFS Nutrition, Helen Levin of the Russian Community Center, and Lorette Herman, director of client services at APLA, spoke about the year-end reports.

Commissioner Mackler asked if there were any word about the search for a new executive director at Bet Tzedek, and Daphne Dennis said there was no word yet. The Commission directed a letter be prepared for signature next month, thanking David Lash at Bet Tzedek for his service as executive director.

Commissioner D'Amico asked for the Commission to meet the new housing specialist.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Cislowski attended the recent Saturday in the Park, and said it was very successful.

Commissioner Mackler discussed reports of drug-resistant staph infections in the area, and asked about City contacts with social services providers on this. Tripp Mills said he had met with Tom West about it, and that Jeff Bailey is proposing a community forum on this.

Commissioner Davis asked about a change in oversight for CSW, and Lloyd Long said staff would check on this. Commissioner Davis said he thought oversight responsibility should stay with the Commission, rather than the City Council.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis reported that she and David Giugni met with Susan Alexman regarding

the Section 8 waiting list.

She also reported that she is working with Bet Tzedek on a trend of client harassment cases.

Commissioner D'Amico and Daphne Dennis discussed food delivery costs and options for city action.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. in memory of Morris Kight.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2003, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Steven L. Davis

Attest:

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J. Book