

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 13, 2001
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 Teresa DeCrescenzo at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2001, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present: Ruth Cislowski, John D’Amico, Teresa DeCrescenzo,
Dr. Bill Griffin, Peter Mackler
Excused: Steven Davis, Shirley Roberts
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Commissioner Mackler joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Curtis Brown, Jr., Recreation Services Administrator; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Richard Ryan, 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.

Without objection, the agenda was amended in sequence, to provide that Item VII would be taken up first, followed by Item IV.A.

II. MINUTES

Regarding Item VII on the January agenda, Commissioner Davis had asked for procedure manuals from the Center’s youth services program to be distributed.

It was noted that the abstentions on the January minutes were by commissioners who had not been present at that meeting.

Commissioner Cislowksi noted that Curtis Brown had mailed out the budget for CSW.

With those comments, the minutes of the February 13, 2001, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Cislowski, seconded by Commissioner Griffin.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

The floor was opened for members of the public who wished to address the Commission. Jeanne Dobrin asked commissioners to be aware that AIDS Healthcare Foundation was not paying its bills for fundraising services, and that she had observed a worker behind the WeHo Lounge emptying a garbage can full of liquid into the alley.

IV. A. JACQUELYN McCROSKEY

Dr. Jacquelyn McCroskey, the John Milner Associate Professor of Child Welfare at the University of Southern California School of Social Work, and member of the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council, addressed the commission regarding methodology in needs assessments.

She said the city should think about the context of its social services programs, and how they relate to the county, to schools, and to nonprofit organizations. She said the city should be cognizant of policy changes in the field, such as welfare reform.

She said there was a trend in the field toward "assets mapping," which involves moving from a "service" orientation, where the focus is on problems, to a "mission vision" orientation, where the focus is on outcomes in the lives of those served.

III. D. RECREATION SERVICES / CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

E. GLC YOUTH SERVICES

Garrison Smith of the Youth Services program reported on their progress, and asked if he could provide these reports on a quarterly basis rather than monthly. With the proviso that they be kept informed of any significant changes that may occur within each quarter, the commission agreed to this. He said he would distribute procedure manuals, as requested, at the next meeting. He noted the death of Scott Uhl, 35, who had been with the RAIN (Reaching Adolescents in Need) program.

F. GLC WEHO LIFE

Trip Mills, new program coordinator of the WeHo Life program, distributed a January report on condom distribution, showing 43,300 distributed that month. January 14-21 is National Condom Week.

Commissioner D'Amico asked how expanded distribution would be funded in the event that Proposition A passed. Lloyd Long said the funding mechanism was unclear, and that funds therefore could come from reducing other expenditures, or from elsewhere in the budget.

A. LAFC DENTAL PROGRAM

Van Anh Dastur spoke about the Los Angeles Free Clinic dental program. Joseph Dunn is the new executive director.

B. AIDS PROJECT LA, REGARDING RELOCATION

Stephen Simon spoke about APLA's relocation, in which they hope to maintain all services while relocating to a less expensive site. The chosen site is near Wilshire and Normandie. He said APLA was negotiating with West Hollywood for a West Hollywood or West Hollywood-adjacent office also.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY

Rich Ryan provided an update on public safety regarding seniors, and on their transgender awareness and outreach project.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Lloyd Long said the Public Facilities Commission is set to review the Recreation Needs Assessment at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28, and that one or more Human Services Commissioners were invited to be present.

Due to the continuing state of emergency in the electricity industry, the pool and tennis courts remain closed in the evenings as an energy-reduction measure.

Curtis Brown invited commissioners to the Angels Amidst program, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Hyatt.

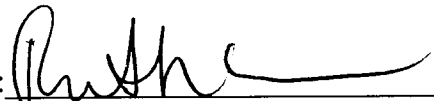
V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Peter Mackler presented a report on th Chairs' meeting. The city is exploring an animal sculpture exhibit similar to those in Chicago, New York, and Atlanta. The Gay & Lesbian Advisory Board will hold its second annual spirituality conference on Feb. 6. March is women's history month.

There were no other reports.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Scott Uhl.

Signed: 
Ruth Cislowski

Attest:

