

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Jimmy Palmieri at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2016, in the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steven L. Davis.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Borelli, Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick.

Not Present: None.

A quorum was present at all times. Also present were David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Corri Planck, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Corey Roskin, and Jeff Book.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 19, 2016, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Todd Sosna of SOVA Food Pantry discussed their relocation and change of hours.
2. Paul Pulver, new executive director at Pathways, spoke about their pre-school operations in West Hollywood.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. PROGRESS REPORT ON PrEPING FOR PRIDE

The staff report on PrEPing for Pride was approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MID-YEAR REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES

David Giugni reviewed agencies and activities during the time period covered by the mid-year report (October 2015 through March 2016). He gave a slide show of demographics, including ethnicity, language, gender, and age in various programs.

Derek Murray said many of the agencies are involved with the HIV Zero strategic plan. He spoke about WeHo Life, the LGBT Center's Mental Health program, and Being Alive.

Leslie Isenberg spoke about the LA County homeless count; Housing Works; Jewish Vocational Services; Pathways pre-school; and the NCJW community mental health program.

Corri Planck spoke about substance abuse and HIV prevention programs, including Safe Refuge, the Tarzana Treatment Center, and McIntyre House. She spoke about the West Hollywood Recovery Center, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, and the LGBT Center's transgender employment program.

Commissioners discussed barriers to services; the meaning of an agency being substantially higher than its goals; access to services by the transgender community; the City's arrangements with the KLEAN treatment center; and other aspects of the mid-year report.

B. PREPARATION FOR THE 2016-2019 SOCIAL SERVICES RFP

David Giugni provided a training on how to read Exhibit B (Budget Justification) in the RFP submittals. He discussed the information contained in the Exhibit B submissions.

C. SCHEDULE FOR THE RFP REVIEW MEETING WITH APPLICANTS

The Commissioners set June 28 at 1 pm in the City Council Chambers for the special Human Services Commission meeting to review RFP submittals by applicants seeking to provide social services in 2016-2019. The Commission set June 21 and July 5 for meetings of the RFP Subcommittee, to be held at 6 pm on each day in the RSH Hearing Room at City Hall.

D. SELECTION OF THE RFP SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Commission designated Sam Borelli, Steven Davis, and Barbara Meltzer as members of the RFP subcommittee, although all members of the Commission will be welcome to attend the RFP Subcommittee meetings on June 21 and July 5.

4. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no items on Excluded Consent.

5. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Leslie Isenberg spoke about the LA County homeless count, in which West Hollywood's number doubled. Countywide there was a 5.7% increase. She spoke about the Senior Health Fair and an upcoming televised meeting of the Senior Advisory Board.

Derek Murray discussed a visit to the California State Office of AIDS; PrEP videos for the Latino community; PrEPing for Pride; and 60 banners on the east and west sides of the City.

Corri Planck spoke about the Dyke March, which will feature lesbian and lesbian-friendly comedians. The program is free.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Martin noted that usage numbers for some programs are really low. He said the members of the Human Services Commission are working together very well.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Davis asked if Planned Parenthood came to the Bidders' Conference for 2016-2019 Social Services programs, and David Giugni said they did.

Commissioner Shandrick handed out an editorial by the LA Times on homelessness.

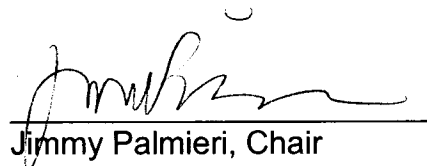
Commissioner Meltzer attended the Senior Advisory Board. She distributed an article on aging by Jane Brody, and said first responders should have training in how to work with people who have dementia and other problems.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

The next meeting is a Special Meeting to be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room/City Council Chambers, 625 North San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE 2016


Jimmy Palmieri, Chair

Attest:


Jeff Book, Secretary