

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

**FIRST-FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Meltzer at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in the First-Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tory Berger.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Borelli, Ruth Cislowski,
Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Patrick Shandrick
Not Present: Jimmy Palmieri.

A quorum was present at all times. Commissioner Cislowski joined the meeting in progress. Also present were Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Joan Mithers, and Jeff Book.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Vice Chair Shandrick. Commissioner Borelli asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jerry Teigen, co-owner of WeHo Bistro.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2016

The minutes of the October 4, 2016, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Chair Meltzer.

2. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2016

The minutes of the December 12, 2016, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Vice Chair Shandrick.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Wojtkielewicz spoke about the priorities that had been used in selection of social services contracts, and about whether food insecurity as a significant issue in the community.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. 2017 GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT

The Commission received information about plans for the upcoming 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, which will be held January 24-26. People who would like to volunteer can sign up on the website of LAHSA, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON EVALUATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGING IN PLACE FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Elizabeth Savage spoke about the report going to the City Council on January 23, which will be provided to the Commission as soon as the Council agenda is published. The City has been accepted in the network of Age-Friendly Communities with AARP and the World Health Organization, and is seeking wellness for all ages.

She introduced John O'Connor of Health Management Associates, who is the consultant implementing the evaluation portion of the Aging in Place 5-Year Strategic Plan. He spoke about the importance of cross-departmental advocacy and initiative, to include age-related programs in work plans. He said their research shows that older adults think the City is meeting their needs better than the City staff thinks it is. He said some older adults are well-informed about City programs that affect them, and others are not.

Public Comment: Michael Wojtkielewicz spoke about the possibility of encouraging development to include units that are on more than one floor, so that different generations could live together, but on different floors in the same unit. He said many developments are recreating the problem the City already has with older adults living in units on higher floors, and having difficulty transferring to the first floor.

Commissioners discussed the Aging in Place initiative with staff and Mr. O'Connor. Commissioner Anderson said it's good that evaluation is being included in the program from the start, because programs that fail are often those that do not evaluate their progress from the beginning. Chair Meltzer said that loneliness and isolation had come up as topics at the last three Senior Advisory Board meetings.

B. HOMELESS NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY

David Giugni introduced a report on assessment tools, and welcomed Abby Arnold, who is working on this for the City. She discussed using the VI-SPDAT (Vulnerability Index – Senior Prioritization and Decision Assistance Tool) to analyze the information. She noted that in Santa Monica, services are only for people who have been homeless and in the city for at least 5 years. Commissioner Anderson said it would be good that information can

be compared on an apple-to-apple basis with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, LAHSA. Commissioner Borelli recommended a question on what is keeping people homeless, since they are already being asked what caused them to become homeless. Vice Chair Shandrick noted that in some communities, people object to VI-SPDAT because of photo collection and entry into a government database.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. TRANSIT SERVICES – UPDATE REGARDING EVALUATION AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Perri Sloane Goodman provided an update on evaluation and long-range planning for transit services, and distributed a handout. The West Hollywood continuum of transit services includes the Metro bus pass subsidy, CityLine, CityLineX, the Pick-Up, the Taxi subsidy, Dial-a-Ride, and Dial-a-Ride TLC.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no excluded Consent items.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni spoke about a workshop coming up this weekend on registration for Covered California; the lesbian speakers' series, including the Jamming for Jeanne event on January 12; and tours of the social services agencies for commissioners. He said a calendar will be provided for Commission items that occur on a regular or annual basis.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tiffany Robinson, senior planner working on the Bike Share program, WeHo Pedals, distributed a brochure and said that 750 people have signed up so far. There is a low-income option: instead of paying \$99 for a year, a person can pay \$7 for a month. The low-income option uses the inclusionary housing standards for eligibility.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Borelli said the public relations subcommittee is continuing discussions. Commissioner Cislowski said that movies for teens at the West Hollywood Library needs better advertising. Commissioner Davis asked for an update on addiction/recovery services. Vice Chair Shandrick attending the HIV/substance abuse prevention providers roundtable, where there was a presentation on meth.

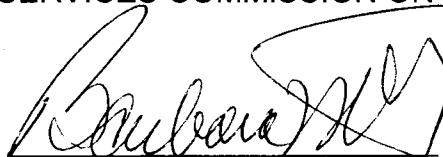
9. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Vice Chair Shandrick, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Human Services Commission was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. in memory of Jerry Teigen, co-owner of WeHo Bistro.

The next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, in the

First-Floor Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2017.



Chair

Attest:


Secretary