

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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, February 14, 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 June Simmons.

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 Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Acting Recreation Services Manager Chris Worland; Perri Sloane Goodman, Joan Mithers, Cortez Jordan, Clavon Jubrey, Marina Rabinovich, Michael Gasca, 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 JANUARY 10, 2017

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. WELLNESS AT ANY AGE

Elizabeth Savage introduced team members who are implementing a “Wellness for Any Age” which is a collaboration of JFS, Partners in Care Foundation (nationally recognized for this work), the City’s Recreation Services’ staff, Social Services staff and an agency (to be named) that serves people with HIV. The City helped with the coordination of Jewish Family Service receiving a \$50,000 grant from Cedars-Sinai to assist in the project. Elizabeth introduced Monica Dunahee, who will have a one day a week presence at Plummer Park plus is coordinating the Stanford University-researched evidence based curriculum. June Simmons, CEO of Partners in Care Foundation, gave a PowerPoint presentation on evidence-based programs, noting that less than 1% of healthcare funds are spent on prevention. Partners in Care has more than 10 years of experience in building capacity for evidence-based programs, and providing technical assistance. Sheila Moore of JFS spoke and said that JFS is looking forward to working with the City on this collaborative to further the Aging in Place program and the coordination of adult-oriented recreation programs. Commissioners thanked the guests, and discussed how Wellness at Any Age will be open to anyone of any age (over 18), and how to make sure the program is visible to the public, so the largest number of community members can benefit.

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

Commissioner Cislowski moved to table this item. This was seconded by Commissioner Borelli and approved unanimously.

C. TRANSIT ANALYSIS

Staff asked for comments that Commissioners might have in response to the presentation on transit services at the last meeting. Commissioners talked about the chance to connect the City’s free services to more transit hubs; the need for a class on how to use public transportation; the links between the transit system and the City’s bicycle programs. In response to a question, staff said that more than 300 people had used the City’s shuttle links to the Women’s March.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON SOCIAL SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS, 2016-2017

Staff provided an update on the usage of the City’s substance abuse programs at Safe Refuge and the Tarzana Treatment Center. Commissioners discussed how to make sure that those in need of the programs know of the availability and how to take advantage of it.

Several Commissioners were concerned by the comparatively low amount of individuals in treatment from the fee-for-service agencies (Safe Refuge and Tarzana Treatment Center).

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no excluded Consent items.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke about the Senior Dance, which was very successful.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Gamboa invited commissioners to the 10th anniversary screening of Tweakers, and the February 22 showing of "Love Is All You Need?," sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Davis said that 'responsible server' training for employees at restaurants and clubs should include some personal safety information.

Commissioner Borelli reported on behalf of the Communications subcommittee, which recommends producing a video on the City's Social Services and Human Services programs; increased outreach to other boards and commissions; and increased participation in the National Night Out program on August 1.

Chair Meltzer asked for the recommendations of the Communications subcommittee to be on the agenda next time, and if possible for staff from the Communications Division to attend. There was no objection.

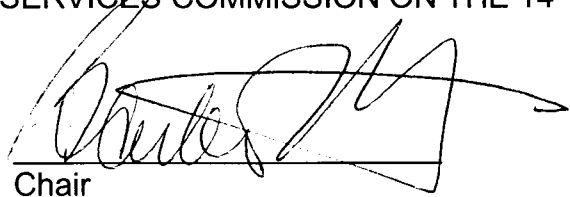
Commissioner Palmieri spoke about LGAB's consideration of Rainbow Key awards; a protest event organized by Robert Gamboa and James Duke Mason; and lesbian visibility.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

The next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 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 MARCH 2017.


Chair

Attest:

