

MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

APRIL 11, 2017

6:00 PM

FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Barbara Meltzer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Yola Dore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL -

PRESENT: Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Borelli, Steven L. Davis,
Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri

ABSENT: Ruth Cislowski, Patrick Shandrick

ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Derek Murray, Corey Roskin, Jeff Book

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the Agenda for April 11, 2017. Motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and approved.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017, meeting. Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Borelli, and approved.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ketlyn Henry, program manager for Jewish Vocational Services in West Hollywood, introduced herself and spoke about the programs at the West Hollywood Employment Center at the West Hollywood Library.

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. PUBLIC RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Commissioner Meltzer reported on the work of the Public Relations Subcommittee, which is developing plans for a video about West Hollywood's social services programs. She asked for input on the thoughts presented.

Staff said an application for the City's internal Innovations funding has been submitted, and staff has begun gathering video of some City events.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PRESENTATION FROM NEW SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDER: MEN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Human Services Commission received a presentation from Brian Risley, director of programs for Men's Health Foundation, one of the City's new social services programs. He spoke about PrEP, which they have been prescribing since 2012. He said there is relatively high awareness in West Hollywood, but serious issues with awareness in other parts of Los Angeles County. Commissioners asked about the age range of PrEP users, which was said to be primarily 25 to 39.

B. WeHo PEDALS BIKE SHARE PROGRAM

The Human Services Commission received a presentation on usage instructions and development issues of West Hollywood's Bike Share program. There are 982 active members; the program holds a basics class monthly, as well as other modes of outreach and training. Integration with other Westside bike systems is being considered.

C. SENIOR MONTH UPDATE

The Human Services Commission received an update about the programs and events planned or co-sponsored by the City for May 2017.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

There were no Excluded Consent items.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff spoke about the Understanding Addiction program; the 22nd annual Kids Fair; a one-day seminar for caregivers, sponsored by JFS and the Alzheimer's Association; the HIV Zero Strategic Plan, and the HIV Prevention providers' meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS:

Commissioners discussed the LA LGBT Center's current "F*ck Without Fear" campaign regarding PrEP. Commissioners Palmieri and Meltzer spoke about visiting Ascencia, the City's new homeless services provider. Commissioner Palmieri spoke about National Pets Day, and encouraged people with pets to have a sticker on their door to let first responders know there is a pet inside. Commissioner Palmieri spoke about making sure AIDS Healthcare Foundation is displaying PrEP information. Commissioner Davis spoke about educating people

to be aware of people who may be wandering or confused, and to learn how to help them. Commissioner Borelli spoke about National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and about Bet Tzedek conducting a legal services pop-up. Commissioner Meltzer attended Senior Advisory Board and the Children's Roundtable. She spoke about three wellness programs that are being presented by the City.

9. ADJOURNMENT:


The Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:05 pm to their next regular meeting, which is at 6 pm, Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in the First Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 9TH DAY OF MAY 2017.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary