

MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
JUNE 13, 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 6:05 pm.
 - A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Leslie Isenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. **ROLL CALL** -

PRESENT:	Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Borelli, Nate Clark, Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Patrick Shandrick
ABSENT:	Jimmy Palmieri
ALSO PRESENT:	Leslie Isenberg, Joan Mithers, Diane Kahn-Epstein, Jeff Book.
 - C. **INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBER**
Yvonne Quarker, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to Nate Clark, who has been appointed to the Commission. Commissioners congratulated Commissioner Clark on his appointment.
 - D. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
There were no requests to remove items from the Consent Calendar.

ACTION: Approve the Agenda for June 13, 2017, including the Consent Calendar as provided. Moved by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Shandrick, and approved.
 - E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Two corrections to the draft minutes of the May 9 meeting were noted: Tory Berger is a member of the Public Safety Commission, rather than the Public Service Commission; and Steven L. Davis was absent.

ACTION: Approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017, meeting, with changes as noted. Moved by Commissioner Shandrick, seconded by Commissioner

Borelli, and approved, with Commissioners Anderson, Clark, and Davis abstaining.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Burton of the West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition spoke about bicycle safety. He was following up on the joint meeting of the Human Service Commission and the Public Safety Commission on Nov. 14, 2016.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. HIV PREVENTION MONTH

The Human Services Commission received an update on activities of HIV Prevention Month (June).

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. HIV ZERO INITIATIVE STRATEGIC UPDATE

Leslie Isenberg presented a six-month report on the HIV Zero Initiative. A full report is planned for December. If there are questions from the Commission, staff can ask Dr. Aaron Celious to attend. The report included information on the ways that the City's social services agencies are supporting the plan.

Commissioner Shandrick said there was concern that although a generic version of Truvada is in process, access to the drug may become more difficult until the generic is available. He said we don't yet have a full understanding of how laws on health care will be changing.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PRESENTATIONS FROM NEW SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

The Human Services Commission received presentations from two Social Services programs which are receiving City funding for the first time.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE'S SENIOR BUILDING SOCIAL WORK

Marina Berkman, Jewish Family Service program director, and Yelena Miller, JFS service coordinator in three HUD buildings, spoke about their program. Yelena Miller said she is on-site one day per week at each building to provide help with translation, forms, information, and referrals. She also spoke about how they conduct outreach to encourage residents to access this help.

Commissioner Meltzer asked if there are social services programs that go directly to the buildings. Yelena Miller said the County used to go to the buildings, but has not lately. Staff said that SOVA Food Pantry is at the Kings Road building on a regular schedule. Commissioner Shandrick

spoke about providing services to the most frail residents, as was so important when one of the buildings had a water crisis that required evacuation. Commissioner Meltzer asked whether they see an increase in dementia among residents of the buildings, and Yelena Miller said they do not have statistics on that.

WESTSIDE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (WCIL)

Anastasia Bacigalupo, executive director, and David Kruskall, independent living specialist and job developer, spoke about their work with Westside Center for Independent Living (WCIL). Anastasia Bacigalupo said WCIL is different from some agencies because it is focused on assisting people with disabilities. The agency developed from the independent living movement, with 80% of staff, and 75% of board members, being people with disabilities themselves. David Kruskall said they assist people of all ages with physical and/or emotional disabilities. WCIL has office space at Movietown Square in West Hollywood.

Commissioners thanked the representatives of both agencies for the work they are doing for the people of the city.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

There were no Excluded Consent items.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff welcomed Commissioner Clark with brief introductions to their work.

Staff discussed the Light Up a Library program, the Senior Health Fair, and the Dyke March.

Commissioner Borelli noted a large share of non-residents at the Senior Health Fair. Staff said City outreach is to residents, but non-residents do attend.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Yola Doré, liaison from Disabilities Advisory Board, spoke about health care and plans for Disabilities Awareness Month in October.
2. Ronda Dixon of Jewish Vocational Services spoke about an upcoming Diversity Career Fair.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioners welcomed Commissioner Clark. He expressed appreciation to the City Council for his appointment, and spoke about his background as a writer and performer who appears in a monthly show at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre. His areas of particular interest include homelessness and education.

Commissioner Borelli visited Men's Health Foundation last month. He asked for National Night Out and public outreach to be on the agenda at the July meeting, to see how Commissioners can attend and have something to provide.

Commissioner Davis said he was glad the Commission had a table at the Senior Health Fair, though the experience can be improved on. He recommended having something more to distribute.

Commissioner Anderson spoke about volunteering at the Senior Health Fair. Since many of those attending were only Russian-speaking, it is important to translate flyers and documents.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke about improving the Commission's table at the Senior Health Fair next year. National Night Out is August 1, and she would like to have a brochure to provide.

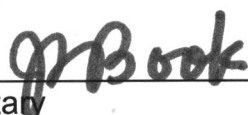
9. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Shandrick and unanimously agreed, the Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:03 pm to their next regular meeting, which is at 6 pm, Tuesday, July 11, 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
11TH DAY OF JULY 2017


Chair

Attest:


Secretary