

**MINUTES**  
**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**JULY 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 6:01 pm.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Tory Berger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. ROLL CALL -**

**PRESENT:** Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Borelli, Steven L. Davis,  
Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick  
**ABSENT:** Nate Clark  
**ALSO PRESENT:** David Giugni, Joan Mithers, Jeff Book

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

There were no proposed changes to the agenda.

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

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The draft minutes for June 13, 2017, were corrected to reflect that Elizabeth Anderson was present, and Ruth Cislowski was not.

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of the June 13, 2017, meeting. Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and approved, with Commissioner Palmieri abstaining.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Yola Dore distributed copies of the nomination forms for the 2017 Disability Service Awards. Nominations are requested by August 10. Honorees will be determined by the Disabilities Advisory Board on Wednesday, August 23, and the awards presented on October 25.

2. Amy Boyle of Sunday Assembly L.A. said they are a group which seeks to provide the kind of support a church or similar group might provide, but

without religious content. She said they have been meeting at Fiesta Hall but have been confused by regulations on filming meetings and collecting donations.

3. Tory Berger, Public Safety Commission liaison, spoke about meth and other drugs as leading factors in homelessness; how dress affects how an outreach worker is perceived by the homeless; and the inordinate frequency of suicide among the elderly.

4. Ronda Dixon of JVS WeHo Works distributed a calendar of events and spoke about offering a program for mature workers in conjunction with LA Valley College, and about starting an entertainment networking event.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. PUBLIC RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

Staff provided an update on plans for three outreach videos, including possible subjects and speakers, and distributed a draft brochure on the Human Services Commission and its activities. Commissioners provided input on the design and contents of the brochure, and discussed having a presence in the neighborhood meetings being held on National Night Out, August 1st.

**B. HIV ZERO INITIATIVE EVALUATION COMPONENT/DATA ANALYSIS**

Simone Schriger, on behalf of Dr. Aaron Celious, presented information on how progress toward the HIV Zero goals are being measured. Indicators of progress will include expanded healthcare coverage, reduced HIV diagnoses, improved linkage to care, retention in care, viral load suppression, reduced number of cases advancing to Stage 3, and reduction of stigma. Commissioners discussed measuring and affecting stigma, surveying medical professionals, and how to reach people ages 15-34 who don't go to service providers. Simone Schriger said questions can go to Dr. Celious at [hello@maroonsociety.com](mailto:hello@maroonsociety.com).

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC STRATEGIES' WEST HOLLYWOOD PROJECT**

Sarah Blanch, Regional Director of Los Angeles Projects for the Institute for Public Strategies, and Brenda Simmons, Executive Vice President, described the Institute as a prevention-focused health project. The group has been active in West Hollywood since 2012, working on ways to shift the environment so that drug and alcohol problems are reduced. They

produce the annual alcohol- and drug-free #BOOM! (New Year's Eve) and #SIZZLE! (LA Pride) events. They have a community advisory board, and have formed a Safe WeHo Leadership Council. Commissioners thanked them for doing the annual events, and asked how West Hollywood differs from other places they are active. The speakers said one difference is the unusually high level of engagement and advocacy by people here. Commissioners also discussed the challenges of meth, and how this is being approached.

**B. CONSIDERATION OF CANCELING AUGUST MEETING**

Elizabeth Anderson moved to cancel the August 8 meeting of the Commission. This was seconded by Jimmy Palmieri and approved, with Sam Borelli and Steven L. Davis opposed.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

There were no Excluded Consent items.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Staff discussed the Go Solar initiative and thanked the commissioners who were able to attend the American Planning Association's 2017 Los Angeles Awards program, which was held June 22. The City's Aging in Place program was one of the honorees.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no additional public comment.

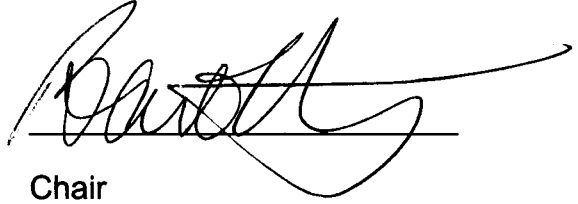
**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS:**

Commissioner Anderson, liaison to Transportation Commission, said there is discussion about regulating areas in which services such as Uber and Lyft may safely drop off passengers. Commissioner Palmieri spoke about the #SIZZLE! event at LA Pride. Commissioner Borelli noted the frequency of turnover in the leadership of the JVS WeHo Works program. Commissioner Davis spoke about the APA Los Angeles awards event. Commissioner Shandrick attended the HIV/substance abuse coalition meeting, and distributed an article by Anthony "aCe" Pabey (from <https://thump.vice.com>) on meth use in the gay community. Commissioner Meltzer said former Commissioner Ruth Cislowski will be honored by the City Council in August. She provided a handout regarding a forum on dementia, to be held on November 8.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

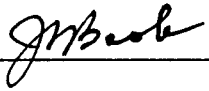
The Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:07 pm to its next regular meeting, which is at 6 pm, Tuesday, September 12, 2017, in the First Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary