

**MINUTES  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022  
6:00 PM**

**PLUMMER PARK, ROOMS 5&6  
7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD.  
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90046**

**1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Meltzer called the meeting to order at 6 pm.**

**A. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Sam Borelli, Chelsea Byers, Adam Darvish, Steven Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri

**ABSENT:** Joy Freiberg

**STAFF:** Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Francisco Gomez, Joyce Britton

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Darvish led the pledge.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the meeting agenda for December 13, 2022. **Motioned by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved unanimously.**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 Human Services Commission meeting. **Motioned by Vice-Chair Byers, seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved unanimously.**

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. 2021-22 YEAR END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS**

The Human Services Commission received the 2021-22 Year End Report on Social Services Programs.

**Presenters:**

Leslie Isenberg, Acting Social Services Manager  
Derek Murray, Acting Social Services Supervisor  
Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PROPOSED LGBTQ+ SUICIDE MEMORIAL REVIEW PROCESS APPOINTEES**

The Human Services Commission considered appointing up to three members to work with the Public Facilities Commission Ad Hoc Committee developed to gather more precise and detailed information on the Council proposed LGBTQ+ Suicide Memorial.

**Presenter:**

Helen Collins, Field Services Division Manager

**ACTION:** Appointed Commissioner Darvish and Commissioner Davis to participate in the process of gathering more precise and detailed information on the proposed LGBTQ+ Suicide Memorial.

**B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Human Services Commission elected Adam Darvish as Vice-Chair for the term ending in November 2023. **Motion by Commissioner Palmieri, seconded by Commissioner Borelli and passed unanimously.**

**4. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

**5. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Derek Murray spoke about the Warrior Awards and commended Dee Saunders for the work she did in his absence. He thanked the Commission for their participation in the awards. He mentioned the passing of Day Rodas, who was an integral part of the WeHo Life program. Derek provided information from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on fentanyl overdoses. He spoke of the City's efforts to distribute fentanyl test strips to contracted and collaborative agency partners.

Leslie Isenberg spoke about the "Combatting Ageism" webinar and thanked Chair Meltzer for bringing that webinar to the City. She spoke about a Council item that will be on Monday's City Council agenda to determine whether public

meetings will be remote for January and February due to the current COVID spike.

Francisco Gomez mentioned that Dial a Ride is now taking requests on demand and asked the Commission to spread the word.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Andy Short, Los Angeles resident, spoke about “Vibez”, the drug and alcohol-free New Year’s Eve celebration. He thanked the Commission for the work they are doing.

Liza Ceballos spoke about the TransLatin@ Coalition’s annual holiday party and thanked the Commission for their work.

**7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Darvish congratulated out-going Vice-Chair Byers and wished her well in her new role as a City Councilmember.

Commissioner Borelli expressed condolences regarding Day Rodas. He thanked everyone who joined the meeting. He congratulated Councilmember-elect Byers.

Commissioner Davis requested having “Adjournment Motions” added to the agenda. He congratulated everyone for their participation in the World AIDS Day event. He also suggested further breaking down the 24-29 age category and adding a 90+ age category to the age section of the demographics collected on service users.

Commissioner Palmieri congratulated Vice-Chair Byers on her new role as City Councilmember. He asked City staff about the mileage maximum for Dial a Ride. City staff responded and said the program primarily serves West Hollywood and Beverly Hills with a 1.5-mile buffer outside of the city. Commissioner Palmieri congratulated Vice-Chair Darvish. He asked City staff about the possibility of distributing fentanyl test strips, hand sanitizer, safer sex kits and information on social services at the “Vibez” New Year’s Eve celebration. City staff confirmed that this will happen.

Vice-Chair and Councilmember-elect Byers expressed her appreciation regarding serving on the Human Services Commission. She spoke about the New Year’s Eve celebration event. She congratulated the new Vice-Chair, Adam Darvish and thanked the Commission and staff for all that they’ve done to help her in her leadership role. She thanked the service providers.

Chair Meltzer thanked everyone who participated in the Warrior Awards. Chair Meltzer mentioned that she attended the swearing-in of Supervisor Lindsey Horvath. She mentioned former commissioner and Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator Elizabeth Anderson, who will be leaving the City and relocating.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Human Services Commission adjourned in memory of Day Rodas at 7:35 pm to its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 6 pm, via teleconference.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

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Chair

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