

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
6:00 PM**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY, COMMUNITY ROOM
625 N. SAN VICENTE BLVD.
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meltzer called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Sam Borelli, Adam Darvish, Steven Davis, Joy Freiberg,
Barbara Meltzer

ABSENT: Jimmy Palmieri

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Francisco Gomez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the meeting agenda for March 21, 2023. **Motioned by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Borelli and approved unanimously.**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Human Services Commission meeting. **Motioned by Vice-Chair Darvish, seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved unanimously.**

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Danny Hang, West Hollywood resident, expressed gratitude to the Commission for its work.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2021-22 CONTRACT SAVINGS

The Human Services Commission received a report on the contract savings from the 2021-22 Social Service programs.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. EVICTION DEFENSE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Human Services Commission received an update on the Eviction Defense and Prevention Program from Bet Tzedek Legal Services.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER'S STOP VIOLENCE PROGRAM AND LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM PRESENTATION

The Human Services Commission received a presentation from the Los Angeles LGBT Center's STOP Violence Program and Legal Services Program, two 2022-23 newly contracted programs, about services provided to West Hollywood community members.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

C. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ON-DEMAND MICROTRANSIT PILOT PROGRAM

The Human Services Commission received an update on the City's transition from Dial-A-Ride, a traditional demand-response program, to MicroTransit, an on-demand rideshare pilot program that prioritizes older adults and people living with disabilities while serving the general public.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke about the Citywide mailing of the new tri-lingual (English, Spanish, Russian) Social Services Guide. The guide was distributed to the Commissioners.

Staff spoke about a Harm Reduction Outreach event that took place on the evening of Saturday, March 18th with the Institute for Public Strategies and Social Services contracted agencies, including Being Alive and the Los Angeles LGBT Center's WeHo Life Program. Community members were provided

resources for substance use and harm reduction tools such as drink spiking test kits, fentanyl test strips, Narcan, condoms and the Substance Use Resource Guide.

Staff gave an update on WeHo Pride 2023.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Danny Hang, West Hollywood resident, spoke about the importance of the items addressed at tonight's meeting and suggested the meetings be broadcast.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Borelli spoke about the Social Services Guide. He spoke about the work of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corp. He mentioned the Commission appointments made at the City Council meeting and spoke of his years of service with both the Human Services Commission and the Public Safety Commission.

Vice-Chair Darvish spoke about Commission appointments and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Human Services Commission.

Commissioner Davis spoke about Commission appointments and mentioned that this is his 29th year on the Commission. He spoke of his colleagues over the years on the Commission. He stated that Plummer Park needs attention.

Commissioner Freiberg spoke about promoting services by broadcasting the Human Services Commission meetings. She also spoke of her service on the Human Services Commission.

Chair Meltzer spoke about how much she enjoys working with the Commissioners.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:14 pm to its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6 pm at the Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5 & 6, located at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THIS 11th
DAY OF APRIL, 2023.

DocuSigned by:

Barbara Meltzer

BARBARA MELTZER,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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Leslie Iseberg, Acting

STAFF LIAISON

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