

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023
6:00 PM**

**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY HALL
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD.
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90046**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meltzer called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

A. SWEARING-IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Sam Borelli, Sarah Adolphson, Karen Eyres, and Anne-Marie Williams were sworn in.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Sarah Adolphson, Sam Borelli, Karen Eyres, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Anne-Marie Williams

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Joyce Britton

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jamie Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the meeting agenda for May 9, 2023. **Motioned by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Eyres and approved unanimously.**

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Human Services Commission meeting. **Motioned by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Palmieri and approved with Commissioners Adolphson, Eyres and Williams abstaining.**

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Wjotkielicz, West Hollywood resident, spoke about community gardens and urged Commissioners to invest in the Detroit Community Gardens.

Edyth Magoun, West Hollywood resident, spoke about the importance of eating fresh fruit and vegetables. She spoke about the Detroit Community Gardens and asked Commissioners to act on investing in community gardens.

Mike Carter, West Hollywood resident, submitted a Public Comment in writing about the Detroit Community Gardens and the need for funding to support its upkeep. (This comment was read by staff on behalf of the community member.)

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. HIV PREVENTION MONTH PROGRAMMING

The Human Services Commission received information on activities taking place during June in recognition of HIV Prevention Month.

ACTION: Received and filed.

B. REPROGRAMMING OF SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT SAVINGS FROM 2021-22 CONTRACT YEAR

The Human Services Commission received a report on the reprogramming of \$70,195 in contract savings from the 2021-22 Social Services contract year to augment the Alliance for Housing and Healing's Aging in Place Rental Assistance program.

ACTION: Received and filed.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PRESENTATION

The Human Services Commission received a presentation on Mental Health services available through APLA, Being Alive, Jewish Family Services and the Los Angeles LGBT Center.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke about Pride weekend and mentioned that the City will have a booth that Social Services will staff at times based on the schedule Events staff puts together. Staff invited the Commission to join them.

Staff spoke about the upcoming merger of the Social Services Division with the Strategic Initiatives Division.

Staff spoke about Being Alive's new Buddy Program, which connects people living with HIV to a peer.

Staff spoke about a DOXY-PEP, a new medication that significantly reduces symptoms associated with certain sexually transmitted infections.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Wjotkielicz, West Hollywood resident, spoke about the mental health services provided by the agency partners who presented and the need to make those services available to more of the community.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Borelli congratulated Corri Planck and team on the upcoming merger of the two Divisions. He spoke about concerns with community participation in the meetings and the need for a bigger space that is more accommodating. He thanked staff for getting the Social Services Guide out to the public.

Commissioner Eyres told the Commission about her background in public service with the City and expressed gratitude for being able to work with the Commission.

Commissioner Adolphson introduced herself and expressed her enthusiasm for working with the Commission.

Commissioner Williams introduced herself and spoke about her experience in public service. She expressed how glad she was to be back on the Commission.

Commissioner Palmieri spoke about relocating to a meeting space that makes the Commission more visible to the public to enhance community engagement. He spoke about Monkeypox vaccines and its availability. He spoke about "Sizzle" and welcomed the Commission to come and volunteer at the event.

Chair Meltzer welcomed the new Commissioners and thanked former Commissioner Darvish for his service. She spoke about being named by Congressman Adam Schiff as Woman of the Year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 7:39 pm to its next meeting scheduled for June 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the First Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THIS 13th
DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

DocuSigned by:

Barbara Meltzer

BARBARA MELTZER,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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Leslie Isenberg, Acting

STAFF LIAISON

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