

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2004
PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Ruth Cislowski at 6:35 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2004, in Rooms 5 and 6 of the Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Mackler.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven Davis, Ponsella Gratton, Dr. Bill Griffin, Charles Henry, Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Diane Kahn-Epstein, David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, and Jeff Book. Sandy Eisenberg provided closed captioning.

C. POSTING OF AGENDA

The Secretary reported that notices for the meeting had been posted as required.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons desiring to address the meeting were asked to complete a request form.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission accepted public comment on social services priorities for 2004-2006 from (1) Lee Klosinski, AIDS Project Los Angeles; (2) Joan Mithers, JFS Senior Nutrition; (3) Ruth Linden, NCJW/LA Light Up a Library; (4) Carol Henault, regarding children's programming by NCJW/LA; (5) Norma Ahmadi, a recipient of Meals on Wheels; (6) Leslie Friedman, SOVA Food Pantry; (7) Vernetta Tobierre, AVIVA after-school program; (8) Brigitte Dana, a parent of students in the after-school program; (9) Ric Rickles, Senior Advisory Board; and (10) Si Frumkin, on behalf of the Russian Community Center.

Also, from (11) Alex Gor, who uses nutritional and educational programs; (12) Eric Rodriguez, a program coordinator for Being Alive; (13) Richard Velasco, a client of

Being Alive; (14) Bart Stevens, for Being Alive; (15) Carlos Sosa, regarding LA Shanti's youth programming; (16) Frank E. Whalen, regarding Alternative Living for the Aging; (17) Barbara Diamond, a client of ALA; (18) Joel Polacheck, an ALA board member; (19) Lois Avery, for ALA; and (20) Janet Witkin, executive director of ALA.

Followed by (21) Dylan C. Gailey, director of youth services at the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center; (22) Vivian Sauer, associate executive director of Jewish Family Services; (23) Felix Braginskiy, for the Comprehensive Services Center; (24) Susan Alexman, of the Comprehensive Services Center; (25) Rudy Espino, a Being Alive client; (26) Jimmy Palmieri, member of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, regarding the Jeff Griffith Youth Center; (27) Inna Epshteyn, disabilities specialist at the Comprehensive Services Center; (28) Kari Baker, a JFS social worker; (29) Alison Regan, Bet Tzedek Legal Services; and (30) Mitchell A. Kamin, Bet Tzedek Legal Services.

And then from (31) Martha D. Sanchez, and (32) Vernon Walling, clients of Bet Tzedek Legal Services; (33) Helen Levin, Russian Community Center; (34) Rae Mitchell, a 15-year volunteer at the Los Angeles Free Clinic; (35) Jehni Robinson, M.D., of Los Angeles Free Clinic; (36) David Helie of Dispute Resolution Services; (37) Josephine Aranda, WHEST Program; (38) Adam Morrow, Los Angeles Free Clinic; (39) Yola Dore, member of the Disabilities Advisory Board; and (40) Bryan Levinson, a client and volunteer at Being Alive.

Next were (41) Evelyn Caustadillo, West Hollywood Pre-School; (42) Idalia Martinez, West Hollywood Pre-School; (43) Karla Perez, West Hollywood Pre-School; (44) Virginia Lovato, West Hollywood Pre-School; (45) Martha Ortega, West Hollywood Pre-School; (46) Suzanne Gottlieb, Senior Center; (47) Michael Arrigo, legal services at the Gay & Lesbian Center; (48) Dana Cagle, LAGLC legal services; (49) Xavier Martin, WHEST; and (50) Jeanne Dobrin.

In addition, (51) Maggie Willis, PATH; (52) Tara Brown, PATH; (53) Kathy Watt, Van Ness Recovery House; (54) Jeff Bailey, Gay & Lesbian Center; (55) Suzanne Dietrich, a Disabilities Advisory Board member, regarding the Comprehensive Services Center; (56) Alicia de Soto-Foley, recommending a community food assessment and support for Healthy West Hollywood; (57) Joya Parenteau and (58) Scott Wilson, regarding Project Angel Food; (59) Miranda Wolfe, regarding Los Angeles Free Clinic; and (60) John Schorpp, program manager at AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

And concluding with (61) Christine Robinson, Los Angeles Free Clinic; (62) Maribel E. Ulloa, Aid for AIDS; and (63) Joseph DiPadona, Comprehensive Services Center.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes approved May 11, 2004



RUTH CISŁOWSKI, Chair



JEFF BOOK, Secretary