WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 2011 COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Mark Zangrando at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2011, in the Community Meeting Room of the West Hollywood Library, 625 N San Vicente Boulevard.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Palmieri.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Jimmy Palmieri, Bob Shepard,

Heidi Shink, Anne-Marie Williams, Mark Zangrando.

Not Present: None.

A quorum was present at all times. Also present were Sam Baxter, Human Services Director; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Leslie Isenberg, Craig Rhea, David Giugni, Perri Sloane Goodman, Corey Roskin, and Jeff Book. Council Deputy Michelle Rex joined the meeting in progress.

C. POSTING OF AGENDA

The secretary reported 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 form.

II. MINUTES

The minutes of the November 8, 2011, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Shepard, seconded by Commissioner Shink.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CITYLINE: PROSPECTIVE ROUTE CHANGES

Perri Sloane Goodman presented an analysis of the CityLine bus service, as well as options under consideration for redesigning its routes. The buses currently travel a 6- to 8-mile route in the 1.9-square mile city. Route changes could include separating routes between local and express; traveling a single route that would be 70 minutes one-way; and maintaining the existing route

with smaller modifications.

Commissioners commented on ways to improve the service. Commissioner Palmieri spoke about the importance of riders knowing the bus will arrive at a designated time. Commissioner Shepard compared the purpose of local and express services.

Daphne Dennis said the City Council had asked what was needed to increase usage of the system, and that without new resources there were not a lot of ways to accomplish this, given the limitations of the system.

B. NEW STATE PROGRAM TO REPLACE ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE

Daphne Dennis said the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) program received no funding in the most recent state budget, but funds were set aside for a replacement program. There have been 500 to 700 regular users of ADHC services in West Hollywood, and some will not qualify for the new program, which is based more on medical conditions, and less on providing a social opportunity. In the future there may be consideration of whether to provide a new program to replace lost services, or enhancing what replaces ADHC.

There was a break in the meeting for dinner.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. <u>COMMISSION DISCUSSION</u>

Commissioners discussed their diverse backgrounds and interests, including how they came to be part of the West Hollywood community, and what led to their interest in serving on the Human Services Commission.

In additional items, Commissioner Palmieri said he will be providing safer sex kits to the breakfast held at St. Thomas the Apostle church Commissioner Williams spoke about attending the St. Thomas breakfast, taking a tour of PATH, and a food drive for Gay & Lesbian Elder Housing. Commissioner Davis spoke about the World AIDS Day event. Commissioner Zangrando spoke about reinstituting a regular schedule of visits to the agencies.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m., in memory of Commissioner Shirley Roberts, who passed away a year ago.

Signed:

Mark Zangrando