

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JUNE 12, 2012
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Mark Zangrando at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, 2012, in Rooms 5 and 6 of the Plummer Park Community Center.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Steven L. Davis.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Bob Shepard, Heidi Shink, Anne-Marie Williams, Mark Zangrando.

Not Present: Jimmy Palmieri.

A quorum was present at all times. City staff members present included Daphne Dennis, Social Services Manager; David Giugni, Craig Rhea, Leslie Isenberg, Perri Sloane Goodman, and Jeff Book.

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 May 8, 2012, meeting, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Shepard, seconded by Commissioner Cislowski.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MID-YEAR REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES

Daphne Dennis and Social Services staff presented the mid-year report on social services programs, which is also going to the next meeting of the City Council. We are in the second year of a three-year funding cycle. Substantial service increases were noted, including SOVA, WHEST, and the Saban Free

Clinic. Staff recommended probationary status for the Center for Civic Mediation.

Information included a summary of key program elements, March 2012 program reports, and data breakdown by age, gender, and ethnicity. Andi Lovano, intern in Social Services, was thanked for providing this data.

Leslie Isenberg spoke about the Shelter Plus Care program, where 18 of 20 certificates are already in use. Craig Rhea spoke about evaluating agency websites for ease of use, and updating the social services guide.

The Commission accepted public comment from: (1) Diane Schneider, director of food and nutrition, Jewish Family Service; (2) Fred Summers, SOVA; (3) Marina Berkman, Jewish Family Service; (4) Velinda Mackey, (5) Alla Chasnik, and (6) Sandy Samuels of Bet Tzedek Legal Services; (7) Matt Beymer, L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center; (8) Robert Boller, Project Angel Food; (9) Ava Rose, Women Helping Women; and (10) Maribel Ulloa, Aid for AIDS.

Also, from: (11) Roger Coggan, L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center Legal Services; (12) Drían Juarez and (13) Mariana Marroquín, Transgender Economic Empowerment Project; (14) Stephanie Armes and (15) Rudy Salinas, People Assisting the Homeless; (16) Duane Dennis, Pathways; (17) Kris Nemeth, L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center Youth Services; (18) Steve Wayland, PAWS L.A.; (19) Kevin Kurth, Being Alive; and (20) Jacklyn Mizrahi and (21) Octavio Olivas of the Center for Civic Mediation.

As well as: (22) Yola Dore, Disabilities Advisory Board; (23) Rick Watts, Disabilities Advisory Board; (24) David Kruskall, WHEST; (25) Deacon Walter Johnson, St. Thomas the Apostle Church; and (26) Muriel Nouwezem of Saban Free Clinic.

Commissioners posed questions to several agency representatives, to clarify or expand on information in the reports presented.

After discussion, Commissioner Davis moved to accept the staff recommendation, with the Center for Civic Medation being placed on probation. This was seconded by Commissioner Shepard and approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW CITY LINE ROUTE

Perri Sloane Goodman discussed additional refinements to the City Line's proposed route, with a map made easier to understand. She said four buses would all be doing the same route, which would provide more frequent stops. The new map will be presented to City Council next week, and with additional efforts to update signs and coordinate with other transportation providers, the new route should be running in the next few months.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Shepard expressed concern about remarks by the deacon from St. Thomas the Apostle which indicated that among some who use their services an association with West Hollywood was regarded as a stigma.

Commissioner Williams thanked the Sheriff's Department and Captain Frazier with regard to the recent march.

Commissioner Davis attended the Transgender Advisory Board. He said he thought the clean-up after the Pride Parade was not as thorough this year. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ray Bradbury.

Commissioner Shink spoke about how the agencies collaborate; said the She discussion group is being held this week; said the Senior Health Fair was great; and that this is her one-year anniversary of service on the Commission. She thanked Mayor Prang for the opportunity to serve.

Commissioner Zangrando spoke about the Dyke March, held in Pride Week.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis said that the Pride Festival and Parade went well. A new HIV testing campaign was rolled out, and Social Services agencies did outreach during events. College Fair will be held on June 30, and there are remaining One City / One Pride events during the balance of June.

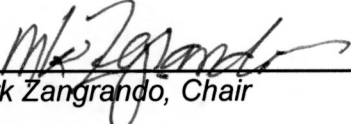
VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m., in memory of Ray Bradbury, author of "Fahrenheit 451," "The Martian Chronicles," and many other works.

Signed:



Mark Zangrando, Chair

Date