

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JUNE 25, 2013
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Steven L. Davis at 1:07 p.m., Tuesday, June 25, 2013, in the City Council Chambers at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Giugni.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Steven L. Davis, Andrew Oldershaw, Jimmy Palmieri, Heidi Shink, Anne-Marie Williams, Mark Zangrando.

Not Present: Ruth Cislowski.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff members present included Elizabeth Savage, Director, Department of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; Daphne Dennis, David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Corri Planck, and Jeff Book. Councilmember John Duran was also present.

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. **INSTALLATION OF NEW COMMISSIONER**

Andrew Oldershaw was sworn in as member of the Commission by Councilmember John Duran, who thanked the Commission for his work year-round, as well as during the current season of reviewing social services proposals.

III. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2013, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Zangrando, seconded by Commissioner Williams.

IV. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Susan Shannon, executive director of Poverty Matters, said that while PATH does many things right in providing services to the homeless, she has heard complaints that amount to a pattern of favoritism among clients regarding access to housing placement. She said the policies need to be modified and corrected.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION WITH AGENCIES

Daphne Dennis, Social Services Manager, noted the purpose of the meeting, to meet and talk with representatives from agencies that are seeking to enter contracts for Social Services with the City. Following this meeting, the Commission will meet on July 9 for a public hearing and to receive recommendations from staff, and on July 16 to adopt its own recommendations to the City Council on these contracts.

Each applicant agency was recognized in turn, with representatives introducing themselves and responding to questions and comments by the commissioners.

Agencies represented and participating were:

Aid for AIDS (Alliance for Housing and Health), represented by Maribel Ulloa.

AIDS Project Los Angeles, for its Positive Self-Management and Dental programs, represented by Jeff Bailey.

Anka Behavioral Health, represented by Marty Giffin and others.

Assistance League of Los Angeles, for its Family Service Agency – represented by Jana Plasters and Peter Fonseca.

AVIVA Family and Children’s Services, represented by Christine Chouchanian and Joe Lee.

Being Alive, represented by Kevin Kurth and Daniel Robison.

Bet Tzedek Legal Services, represented by Sandy Samuels, and Elissa Barrett, Michelle Kezirian, Fernando Salguero, Jerry Yu, and Alla Chasnik

Saban Free Clinic, represented by Sergey Sergeyev.

Friends Research Institute, for its HIV Prevention and Outpatient Methamphetamine Abuse Treatment programs, represented by Cathy Reback and Dahlia Ferlito.

Los Angeles HIV Law and Policy Project, represented by Shawn Kravich.

Housing Works, represented by Mary Kirchen.

IMCES (Institute for Multicultural Counseling and Education Services) – represented by Leland Keel and others

Jewish Vocational Services (WHEST), represented by David Kruskall and Marguerite Womack.

St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, represented by Joseph Warren and Deacon Walter Johnson.

Jewish Family Service, represented by Vivian Sauer, and JFS programs SOVA Food Pantry, represented by Fred Summers and Linda Alter; Nutrition, represented by Diane Schneider; and Comprehensive Services Center, represented by Marina Berkman and Sheila Moore.

McIntyre House, represented by Brian Hardin, Tomas Zamudio, and Edward Kohler.

PATH, represented by Jasmine Yancey, Herman Osorio, Anna Topolewski and Cali Zimmerman.

Pathways, represented by Sally Valenzuela and Martha Ortega.

PAWS/LA, represented by Steve Wayland.

LA Gay & Lesbian Center, for its programs including Legal, represented by Roger Coggan; Mental Health, represented by Glenn Lindsey and Mike Rizzo; Senior Services, represented by Kathleen Sullivan; Sexual Health, represented by Dustin Kerrone; Transgender Economic Empowerment, represented by Drían Juarez; WeHo Life, represented by Susan Cohen and Brett Holland; and Youth, represented by Kris Nameth and Curt Shepard.

National Council of Jewish Women, represented by Hillary Selvin, Judi Miller Levy, Rachel Resnick, Cynthia Haas, and Nikki Hemans.

Project Angel Food, represented by Robert Boller.

Project Chicken Soup, represented by Cathryn Friedman.

Substance Abuse Foundation of Long Beach, represented by David Werle, Arthur Romo, and others

Tarzana Treatment Center, represented by Stan Galperson, Tom Martinez, and Keith Ian Star.

There is one other applicant agency, Frontiers Awareness & Education Foundation. Staff said they were doing a site visit with the agency and would check on any questions that commissioners might have about their proposal.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. RFP PROCESS

Daphne Dennis reviewed the schedule for the RFP subcommittee to conduct further review of the proposals, and for the next two Commission meetings, July 9 and 16.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

The Commission welcomed Andrew Oldershaw as a new member

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff also welcomed Andrew Oldershaw, and thanked the Commission for its attention to detail during the day's business.

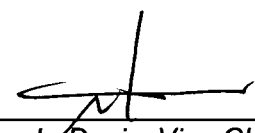
IX. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Signed:



Steven L. Davis, Vice Chair

5-9-15
Date