

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - MAY 14, 1996
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chairperson Michaeljohn Horne at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 1996, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Those choosing to do so recited the Pledge.

B. ROLL CALL:

The Recording Secretary called roll.

Present: Steven Davis, Michaeljohn Horne, Leslie Hull,
Peter Mackler, John Nieto, Shirley Roberts

Excused: Sandra Jacoby Klein

Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Curtis Brown, Recreation Services Administrator; Jodi Curlee, Social Services Administrator; Beth Sazama, Chris Worland, Daphne Dennis, Tamar Springer, and Jeff Book.

Mayor Paul Koretz addressed the Commission to thank staff who participated in the reorganization celebration at Plummer Park. Commissioners offered their congratulations to Mayor Koretz upon his election.

C. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The Recording Secretary reported that notices were posted as required.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Persons desiring to address the meeting were asked to indicate this on a speaker request form.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 9, 1996, meeting were approved.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SUMMER SOUNDS: 1996 SCHEDULE

Curtis Brown introduced Beth Sazama, who reported on plans for the 1996 season of Summer Sounds, the concert series held on Sunday afternoons at the Pacific Design Center with the cooperation of the Musicians' Union. This year, there will be less reliance on advertising and a greater effort to draw participation from cooperating agencies and regular users of parks and recreation services.

The 1996 schedule includes the Freeway Philharmonic on June 30; the Brandon Fields Quartet on July 14; Art Deco and His Orchestra on July 21; an artist to be

announced on July 28; the Da Capo Players on August 11; and the Brandeis-Bardin International Klezmer Ensemble on August 25.

B. RECREATION BROCHURE FOR SUMMER/FALL 1996

Chris Worland distributed a draft copy of the Recreation brochure for summer and fall 1996, and highlighted some new events which have been added to the schedule. Susan Reece Smith has joined the Recreation staff as pool manager. She previously worked at Manhattan Beach, and succeeds Tyrone McKinley at the pool.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SOCIAL SERVICES MID-YEAR REVIEW

Copies of the Social Services mid-year review had been provided to Commissioners, who provided feedback to Jodi Curlee and the Social Services staff regarding various items. Commissioner Davis asked if agencies could spot-check for the efficacy of their referrals.

Speakers from the audience on the mid-year review included:

Vivian Sauer of JFS, who thanked Human Services staff for recommending that Partners Adult Day Health Care Center be taken off of probation in light of changes and improvements to that program. The Disability Services program continues to evolve.

Joanne Bronson, recently appointed director of SOVA Food Pantry, a program of JCCA, thanked the City for providing help during times of transition at SOVA, particularly Tamar Springer, Daphne Dennis, and Tom West of Social Services, and Elizabeth Savage of the Finance Department.

Stan Speck, LA Free Clinic's client/advisory committee.

Helen Levin, Russian Community Center.

Gilbert Mixon, deputy director of GLCSC Youth Services, who thanked Tom West for support in transition.

B. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWAL

Jodi Curlee described staff's recommendation for a letter of intent and contract renewal process for the 1996-1998 period.

Commissioner Davis moved, and Commissioner Roberts seconded, to approve staff recommendations for the mid-year review and renewal process. This was approved, 6 to 0.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Davis reported on the Senior Advisory Council, which had received a presentation on safety. The Public Safety Commission also received this same information.

Commissioners expressed interest in touring park improvements.

There were reports on the chairs meeting, and on HIV legislation action.

Commissioners expressed interest in why a Public Facilities Board was being formed, and a subcommittee was appointed to meet with Councilmember Martin's office to talk about this.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF:

Lloyd Long reported on meeting with Mayor-designate Koretz to discuss items for the joint meeting of the Council and the Human Services Commission, including the social services funding process, the future of the Disability Advisory Council, youth services issues, image and public relations of the City, the Healthy West Hollywood program, and other issues. He also gave an update on budget matters.

Jodi Curlee announced the birth of Dante Clayton Newcombe-Curlee.


VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no additional items from the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The Commission was adjourned. The next meeting will be the joint meeting with the City Council, to be held at 6 p.m., May 20, in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 11.

MINUTES CORRECTED AND APPROVED JUNE 11, 1997



Michaeljohn Horne, Chair

Date



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

Date