

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - APRIL 9, 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, April 9, 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, Sandra Jacoby Klein,
Peter Mackler, John Nieto, Shirley Roberts

Excused: Leslie Hull

Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Helen Goss, Public Information; and Jeff Book.

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 March 12, 1996, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Mackler, seconded by Commissioner Klein.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. CABLE TELEVISION UPDATE

Helen Goss, the City's public information officer, discussed Century Cable's proposed rate increase, which has been reduced after review by the City. Also, the franchise renewal process begins in December 1996, and the City is receiving numerous calls to consider other options for delivery of cable television. Among these are delivery by phone lines and public ownership.

The City continues to present several informational and educational channels, including Channel 6, the 24-hour information channel, which is moving more into regional and cultural events; Channel 10, which carries meetings of the City Council and Planning Commission, as well as special forums such as "Get Used To It" (gay and lesbian issues), "Upfront" (women's issues), and a 20-film series to be hosted by critic Tom Hatten; Channel 35; and other public access programming.

Commissioner Horne recommended additional informative programming which would help citizens have a better understanding of what local government does, and highlight areas of particular interest, such as disability issues. Short documentaries on city history and issues would also be useful. Commissioner Roberts said it would good for the channels to educate about the social services programs sponsored by the City.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. TERMINATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CHABAD
Daphne Dennis, Social Services Program Specialist, reviewed the history of the City's social services contract with the Russian Jewish Community Cultural Center (Chabad), which had been intended to provide sports, tutoring, special-interest classes, field trips, and counseling for youth. Although the program as designed would have met a significant need, a very slow start-up and incomplete performance of program goals has interfered with that.

Commissioner Klein moved to accept staff's recommendation to terminate the contract with Chabad, and Commissioner Roberts seconded. The vote was 6 to 0.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Press reports about allegations against the GLASS program were discussed, and Commissioner Mackler provided an update on where the matter stands now.

The City is seeking funding from the Los Angeles County Parks, Beach & Recreation Act for a new community center in Plummer Park.

Commissioner Horne reported on the meeting of commissioner chairs.

The Community Relations Working Group met yesterday, and is preparing to make presentations to other city bodies, including the Senior Advisory Council.

The Prostitution Task Force met again this month.

Commissioner Klein will be in the disaster volunteer corps.

Goldie Kahn has been elected chair, and Kathy Page vice chair, of the Senior Advisory Council.

The City Council approved a human relations mutual assistance agreement with the County of Los Angeles, as recommended by this Commission.

Commissioner Davis attended the commissioners' training workshop this month.

Commissioner Mackler noted that there will be a Holocaust Remembrance event in Plummer Park this Sunday, adjacent to the Babi Yar memorial.

The reorganizational meeting of the City Council will be held Monday, April 29,

in Fiesta Hall.

Commissioner Klein was excused from the next meeting of the Commission.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF:

Lloyd Long reported on a gift from Mike McNeilly, the Children's Roundtable, and the continuing process of development on a new library facility.

Commissioner Klein recommended that Frank Paradise be invited to present an update on the West Hollywood Homeless Organization at the June meeting of the Commission.

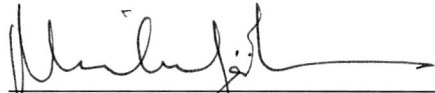
VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no additional items from the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 p.m., the Commission was adjourned. The next meeting will be held in the same location on Tuesday, May 14, 1996, unless otherwise announced.

MINUTES APPROVED MAY 14, 1996



Michaeljohn Horne, Chair

Date



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

Date