

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES - FEBRUARY 11, 1997**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chairperson Steven Davis at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 1997, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Davis, Michaeljohn Horne, Leslie Hull, Sandra Jacoby Klein,  
Peter Mackler  
Excused: John Nieto, Shirley Roberts  
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services, Daphne Dennis, Curtis Brown, Jr., Tom West, 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. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of January 14, 1997, were approved, on a motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Horne.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. GLCSC YOUTH

Tom West of the Social Services staff reported on the history and current situation of the Youth Program at the Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, including an ongoing decline since 1992-93 in the number of reported bed nights and persons served; difficulty in determining that persons served were West Hollywood residents; and the recent revision of figures in light of the finding of new documentation.

Danny Jenkins, director of Youth Services at GLCSC, spoke about improvements in reporting systems and difficulties in determining a community affiliation for the target population of youth, many of whom self-identify as Los Angeles residents due to the source of many services provided to them.

After discussion, Commissioner Klein moved, seconded by Commissioner Mackler, to accept the staff recommendation to *continue working with GLCSC Youth to upgrade reporting standards, and to present a follow-up reports to the Commission on a quarterly basis*. This motion was approved, 5 to 0.

With consent of the Commission, the agenda was amended to provide that Item IV. A. would be taken up next.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. PETER MEREMBLUM YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Curtis Brown, Recreation Services Administrator, presented the city's newly published special events calendar, as well as plaques bearing the mission statement of the Recreation Division.

He introduced representatives of the Peter Meremblum Youth Orchestra, a program which has used public facilities in the West Hollywood area for many years. The orchestra plays 3 or 4 concerts per year at Plummer Park, plus many concerts at other sites in California. They played at the City's 10th Anniversary Celebration in 1994.

Speaking for the Peter Meremblum Youth Orchestra were Ligon Michael, director Ginny Atherton, staff member Jackie Dwight, and board member Felicity Johnson. Presenting personal testimony regarding the impact of the orchestra on their lives were Yuriy Chernis and Alex Potashnick, who studied music in the Ukraine prior to emigrating, and who have continued their violin studies with the orchestra.

The Commission instructed staff to *negotiate City support for the orchestra*, possibly including a contract for performances, waivers for use of public facilities, and other options.

The agenda then reverted to the regular order.

#### III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### B. CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE

Tom West reported on the City's current projects regarding the use of crystal methamphetamine in the City. After discussion, the Commission instructed staff to *prepare a list of expanded services and estimated costs*, and return with this information for consideration at the next meeting.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

B. HIV-RELATED ISSUES

Commissioners discussed rapid changes in health and social policy regarding HIV and AIDS, and determined that preparation of a one-day Summit Conference, with invited guests and expert witnesses, was the best format for providing guidance on how public policy should respond to these changes. Other formats included an ongoing subcommittee and a time-limited task force.

Staff will return to the March meeting with recommendations on how to proceed.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

The Social Services Subcommittee had not met. The Human Relations Consortium is meeting this week.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Tom West noted that Thomas Dyer had been a victim of a gaybashing attack recently, and was not at tonight's meeting because he is still recovering. The Commission directed that a letter be sent to indicate the Commission's best wishes for a speedy return.

Jeff Book reported that Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl has been nominated for the Board of Overseers of Harvard University. She is the first openly lesbian or gay person to be nominated for this Board in the University's history.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

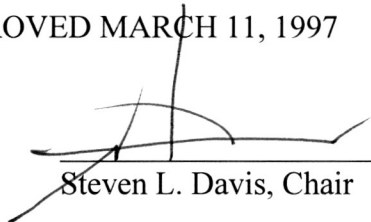
There were no items from the public.


VIII. ADJOURNMENT

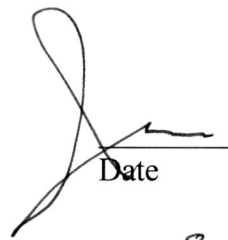
The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m., in memory of Gerda Spiegler.

The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 1997, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

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MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 11, 1997

  
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Steven L. Davis, Chair

  
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Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

  
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