

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES - JANUARY 14, 1997

HALL A, PLUMMER PARK

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, January 14, 1997, in Hall A at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard.

B. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the roll.

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

Excused: none

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, Tamar Springer, Corey Roskin, 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 December 10, 1996, were approved, on a motion by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Klein, with the correction that it was Commissioner Klein who had addressed the phrase "young ladies" in the draft Recreation Brochure.

III. RECREATION REPORT

With the approval of the Commission, the agenda was amended to provide for an opening report from Curtis Brown, Jr., Recreation Services Administrator, in response to questions from the Commission at the previous meeting. Copies of the completed Recreation

Brochure were distributed to the Commissioners.

Mr. Brown requested the Commission to appoint representation to the community-based Halloween planning committee. Recreation staff will report to the Commission when planning begins for the 1997 event, and *Commissioners Klein and Horne were designated as representatives.*

Regarding Friends of the Parks, Mr. Brown reported that there were 14 in attendance at the most recent meeting, and Mr. Long clarified that the group is to provide a base for support and advocacy to decision-makers on behalf of preserving and enhancing the parks. *Commissioners Klein and Davis are to be added to the mailing list for this group.*

Mr. Brown reported that the "Fresh from the Market" program was not continuing at the present time; that a neighborhood meeting will be held at 9 a.m., February 1, at the site of Community Garden #3; and that Teen Summit II will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 22.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING: Year-End Reports by Social Service Agencies

Daphne Dennis, acting Social Services Administrator, presented year-end reports from the City's contract social-service agencies. These reports include fiscal information, program data, and evaluation forms. The information had previously been reviewed with the Commission's Social Services Subcommittee, who suggested that a *regular evaluation form be developed for agencies to distribute to their clients.* It was noted that some agencies seek a great deal of information from clients, and others do not.

Tom West reported on the GLCSC West Hollywood Cares and Youth programs, and Tamar Springer reported on the JFS Disability, LA Free Clinic, and Sova programs.

The Commission accepted public comment from Renee Dinerfeld, Los Angeles Free Clinic; Helen Levin, Russian Community Center; Andrea Wanger, West Hollywood Employment & Services Training; Marcia Pontoni, Women Helping Women; Terry Goddard, Aid for AIDS; Kathy Watt, Van Ness Recovery House; Joanne Bronson, SOVA Food Pantry; and Regan Riley, West Hollywood Pre-School.

In light of recurring programs at GLCSC Youth, Commissioner Klein asked for this agency to be *placed on the agenda* for the February 1997 meeting, for consideration of a recommendation to Council that the program should not be funded.

Commissioner Klein also addressed the use of crystal methamphetamine in the city, and asked for this to be *placed on the agenda* for February. Commissioner Horne noted that Adam Devejian is representing the Public Safety Commission in discussions on this. Mr. Long said the Commission needs an overview of what is currently being done, in order to discuss whether additional efforts and resources need to be devoted to it.

The Commissioners thanked staff for the report, which were received and filed.

Commissioners Klein noted it would be helpful if there were a brief table of contents in

the front of the year-end report packet, because of the length and complexity of the documents.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Van Ness Recovery House: AIDS Education Services

The Core Program has ceased operation as of December 31, 1996, and staff recommended issuing a new contract to Van Ness Recovery House for provision of services to male street sex workers, including health and educational materials. This was moved by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Mackler, and approved unanimously by the Commission. The recommendation will be presented to Council on January 21.

B. Site Visits

In considering the list of agencies at which possible site visits could be made, members of the Commission decided to *arrange group visits to Being Alive and Foundation House*, to individually visit JFS Nutrition and Project Angel Food, and to request a presentation from GLCSC Youth at the next meeting (as previously noted).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation on Fund for the Arts expenditures

Daphne Dennis reported on applications for grants from the Fund for the Arts, which is based on a donation from Mike McNeilly and Raleigh Enterprises. Eight schools and the Los Angeles Music Center applied for a total of \$15,000 in grants, and staff recommended approval of selected applications (see Attachment A).

Commissioner Mackler moved, Commissioner Horne seconded, and the Commission unanimously supported the recommendations for the grants. This recommendation will be presented to the Council, and schools will be invited to show what they did with the funds at a later date.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. Social Services Subcommittee

Commissioner Horne requested that the Commission consider reviving the HIV Subcommittee, in light of changes in medical treatment for HIV/AIDS and resulting changes in the appropriate services. A discussion on whether a task force or a subcommittee would be needed was *scheduled for the next meeting*.

B. Liaisons

Commissioner Mackler reported that town-hall meetings will be held around the state to discuss state budgetary matters, and that Los Angeles will be one site.

There was no chairs meeting last month.

The next Library Site Selection Committee is set for February.

Regarding HRMAC, Commissioner Davis and Tamar Springer attended the last meeting. Staff will order a copy of the book "Danger: Extremism," which was recommended at the HRMAC meeting, and review the HRMAC agreement to see if it needs to be renewed, or is self-renewing.

Staff will prepare a condolences letter to Councilmember Guarriello on the death of his wife, Rita.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Tom West presented a newsletter from Van Ness Recovery House.

Lloyd Long noted: there have not been many applications for the Public Facilities Board; staff is preparing timelines for park renovation and development of the Kings Road property; the Cuervotivity statue is leaving its current location; Nancy Greenstein is leaving city employment for a new position at UCLA; and Paul Koretz has a new role with the Los Angeles County Library Commission.

Commissioner Davis renewed discussion of a *joint meeting with Council* to occur after the municipal election on March 4, 1997.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

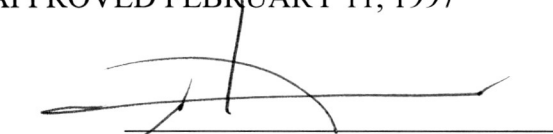
There were no items from the public.


X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. in memory of Mrs. Rita Guarriello and Mike Reynolds.

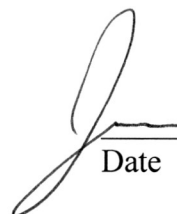
The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 1997, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 11, 1997



Steven L. Davis, Chair


Jeff Book, Recording Secretary



Date 10, 1997

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