

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES - JANUARY 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, January 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, 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; 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 December 12, 1995, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Mackler.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Klein suggested that the Commission should keep a running list of current issues and items. Commissioner Davis will do this.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE DIRECTORS' RETREAT

Department Directors will hold a retreat with the City Manager on January 31 to make improvements to the 1996-97 Strategic Directions Plan. Lloyd Long distributed draft copies of the plan, and noted that the Commission is the first City board to review it. He suggested discussing each of the six goal statements and then appointing a subcommittee to respond to the entire document.

Commissioner Horne said the City needs additional effort in public relations in order to improve outreach to citizens, and said the Commission could renew its

familiarity with the City's cable television projects. Lloyd Long said he would ask Helen Goss, the City's public information and CATV manager, to update the Commission at a future meeting.

Commissioners Horne and Mackler commented on the potential impact of the change in leadership of the State Assembly, particularly with regard to state funding of social services. Commissioners noted that the City will have to step up its policy presence in Sacramento.

Commissioner Klein noted improvements in occupancy and program at the Pacific Design Center, which is expanding its seminar and workshop schedule and making the public welcome at more events. Commissioner Horne said that the city's special events schedule is one of the attractions that makes the city special in the region and the country.

Commissioner Mackler said that members of City boards and commissions need to develop an improved method of communicating with one another when there are issues of multi-jurisdictional impact.

The Commission designated Commissioners Klein, Mackler, and Horne as a subcommittee to review the Strategic Directions Plan and respond with comments. A meeting for this purpose was scheduled for Thursday, January 18, at 9 a.m.

#### V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

##### A. SUBCOMMITTEES

###### 1. Social Services Subcommittee

A copy of Jodi Curlee's report to the Disabilities Advisory Council was distributed.

###### 2. HIV Subcommittee

The subcommittee is scheduled to meet in February.

##### B. LIAISONS

###### 1. Library

A committee consisting of Deputies Fran Solomon, Leah Archibald, Richard Ryan, and Human Services Director Long met today. Lloyd presented the update on the process for the proposed new library.

###### 2. Senior Advisory Council

The Senior Advisory Council met recently.

###### 3. L.A. Human Relations Commission Mutual Assistance Consortium:

The Consortium is scheduled to meet at West Hollywood City Hall this Thursday, January 11. Commissioners Davis, Klein, and Mackler indicated that they would attend if possible.

###### 4. Partners

Commissioner Horne reported on recent activity at Partners.

C. OTHER ITEMS

A letter indicating the Commission's condolences was signed for Abby Liebman, on the loss of her sister.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF:

Lloyd Long reported that recreation coordinators had conducted a holiday toy drive for the community with the assistance of Commissioner Davis.

Commissioner Klein reported on the Russian Community Center's holiday party in Plummer Park.

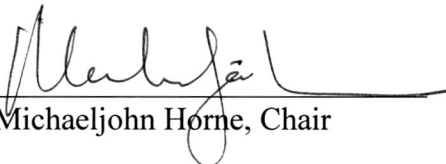
VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ron Nyman, 1430 Miller Drive, who is a participant in the HIV Day Clinic, spoke about rumored funding changes for that program. He said the program is strong, and currently serves about 300 persons. Lloyd Long said the City recognizes the value of the program and the usefulness of its current site. Mr. Nyman commended Steve Wixson, director of the HIV Day Program, for his work.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:10 p.m., the Commission was adjourned. The next meeting will be held in the same location on Tuesday, February 13, 1996, unless otherwise announced.

-----  
MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 13, 1996

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michaeljohn Horne, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date