

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - DECEMBER 10, 1996
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chairperson Steven Davis at 6:10 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 1996, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

B. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the 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. Jeff Book reported that Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services, was not present due to flu. Staff present included Daphne Dennis, Tom West, Tamar Springer, 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 November 12, 1996, were approved, on a motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Horne.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update: Legal Services

Tom West reported on the possible consolidation of legal services by four major agencies, which is thought likely to improve efficiency and consistency, and reduce the burden on clients to search for an agency which has time to help. Commissioner Klein recommended,

and the Commission agreed, to *write to the decision-making authority* to express the Commission's request that the proposal be given serious consideration. *Copies will also be sent to the four agencies, and included for information in the January 1997 packet for Commissioners.*

B. The Core Program

Tom West informed Commissioners that due to non-funding of The Core Program by the County of Los Angeles, the agency will be terminating on Dec. 31, 1996. *Staff will return to the Commission in January with a recommendation on how to continue to provide services to this target population.* It is possible that Van Ness Recovery House may be prepared to provide this outreach. Commissioner Klein recommended, and the Commission agreed, to *send a message of appreciation to The Core Program* for its years of service.

C. HIV Day Program

Tom West reported on the continuing operations of the HIV Day Program of the Los Angeles Free Clinic.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Work Program Review

1. **Landscape & Building Maintenance Division**

Commissioner Klein inquired about the nature, purpose, and reason for the Plummer Park location, of underground utilities to serve the City's public safety mobile unit, as cited in the division workplan. *Staff will respond.*

With regard to the outdoor lighting design for Plummer Park and the workplan's statement that specifications for bidding are being prepared, though lighting fixtures have already been purchased, Commissioner Klein inquired about what exactly is being specified and bid. *Staff will respond.*

With regard to the construction of a "one-stop center" in the second-floor lobby of City Hall, Commissioner Klein inquired about what municipal function will be performed there. *Staff will respond.*

Commissioner Klein *requested a phone call with an update on the fencing of William S. Hart Park.*

2. **Recreation Services**

With regard to special events, Commissioner Horne said the Commission should be more involved with planning and execution of events, including Halloween. Several Commissioners indicated concern over the evolution of the Halloween event, which, though growing larger every year, seems to have a dropping proportion of persons in costumes. *Commissioners would like to discuss this with staff prior to beginning*

planning for the October 1997 event.

With regard to the "S.E.E.D." Club, Commissioner Klein *requested that different terminology be used instead of "young ladies" when reporting on this program.*

With regard to development of a community-based group of volunteers to support park programs and activities, Commissioners *directed staff to link this group with the statewide Friends of the Parks organization, and requested a quarterly update from Recreation Staff regarding this project.*

With regard to the level of participation in youth and teen excursions from the parks, Commissioner Klein congratulated Recreation Staff on the high numbers.

With regard to the workplan's statement to consider the feasibility of a second site for a Farmers' Market, Commissioner Klein asked what criteria would be used in determining whether a second site is appropriate, and how and where such an expansion could be accomplished. *Staff will respond.*

With regard to the quarterly newsletter to farmers using the Farmers' Market, Commissioner Klein asked what was in the newsletter, and what was the purpose of the City distributing it. *Staff will respond, and, if a copy is available, provide it to Commissioners.*

Commissioner Klein noted the estimate of \$100 revenue to the Farmers' Market from the "Fresh From the Farm" program at City Hall, and asked whether this amount of revenue justified the amount of time spent on the program. There was no objection to continuing the program if it is cost effective. *Staff will inform.*

3. **Social Services**

Commissioner Hull noted that in Item 3.4 of the Social Services portion, the note on compliance should be worded so it does not inadvertently indicate that the covered emergency must happen "by December 1996."

Commissioner Mackler requested that *education of legal immigrants and persons living with HIV/AIDS regarding welfare reform be added as a goal.* He noted that only six months remain before the State of California must implement the Federally-mandated welfare reform, and that public input will be sought in the details. He suggested working with Helen Levin and others to guarantee that legal immigrants are aware of their opportunity to influence this process.

Regarding the Senior Advisory Council, Commissioner Davis indicated that he and the newly installed SAC chair, Kathy Page, are of like mind in thinking that the SAC is too large in membership to be very effective, and notified staff that in future months he anticipates bringing a recommendation to change the size of SAC to 7 or 9 persons, rather than the current 22 positions. He asked that this proposal be *highlighted for a future agenda.*

Commissioner Klein sought confirmation that the provision of in-house HIV-related services (6.2.1) is done in multiple languages, and Tom West said that it is.

The need to delete language relating to The Core Program was noted.

On disability-related services, Commissioner Horne *suggested that the Disability Advisory Council (DAC) be given more access to cable to notify residents of their activities*, and Tamar Springer noted that DAC is forming an outreach subcommittee to focus on expanding community awareness of these programs. Commissioner Horne recommended that *DAC be invited to update the Commission at a future meeting*.

Commissioner Mackler will *meet with Tamar Springer regarding the WHEST program*.

B. Selection and Scheduling of Agency Site Visits

Commissioners directed staff to *return to the January 1997 meeting with the list of agencies most recently chosen for site visits by the Commission*, so that these visits can be scheduled.

C. GLCSC West Hollywood Cares

Thomas Dyer introduced the agency's new administrative assistant, and discussed successes of the DSSN (Demand Safer Sex Now) program, including the addition of 86 new members and 5 new business participants during November. A prevention consortium was held, and a second one is planned for next quarter. Visibility events, featuring a DSSN-sponsored safer-sex slide show, were held at Mickey's on Nov. 22 and at Spike on Nov. 27. Spike will be hosting monthly DSSN "Back Bar Birthday Bashes" with no cover charge, beginning Dec. 27. A 1997 calendar is also in preparation. Commissioners thanked Mr. Dyer for the information and the vigor of the program, and directed that the *DSSN Slide Show be scheduled for the next available agenda*.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

The Social Services Subcommittee was reconstituted with Commissioners Horne, Klein, and Mackler as members.

Commissioner Horne sat in for Commissioner Davis at the most recent chairs' meeting.

An invitation to a luncheon in Lynwood was received from the Los Angeles County Human Relations Mutual Assistance Consortium.

Commissioner Mackler reported that he spent Thanksgiving morning in the kitchens of the West Hollywood Homeless Organization, helping to prepare breakfast for 20 to 25 residents of the facility, and that this had been an extremely rewarding experience.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Jeff Book reported that Lloyd Long had written to the Starbucks regional office in Seattle, raising the question directed by the Commission regarding the placement of community information in the West Hollywood Starbucks, for the convenience of patrons. The letter was copied to the local store. *Commissioners will be made aware of any response, and staff will follow up if no timely response is received.*

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ric Rickles introduced himself from the audience, and said he is considering running for the City Council. Commissioners and staff welcomed him.


VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Commissioner Horne noted that Jodi Curlee is preparing to leave the position of Social Services Administrator. Commissioners unanimously declared that this would be a tremendous loss to the City, and began discussion of ways to demonstrate appreciation and best wishes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 1996, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

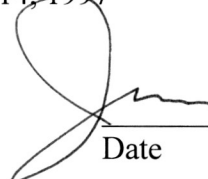
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Steven L. Davis, Chair



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

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