

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - NOVEMBER 12, 1996
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chairperson Michaeljohn Horne at 6:10 p.m., Tuesday, November 12, 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, John Nieto, Shirley Roberts

Excused: none

Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Curtis Brown, Julie Burson, Chris Worland, Bonnie Smith, Beth Sazama, Amy Crittenden, Armando Abrego, Mike Atkin, Susan Smith, 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 October 15, 1996, were approved, on a motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Being Alive

Scott Shatsky of Being Alive provided an update on the work of this agency, including the recent elimination of acupuncture and massage therapy, because the demand for these services had overwhelmed the agency's ability to respond. The agency's popular Medical

Updates continue on a regular basis at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, and the agency is working with Nancy Mattoon of the West Hollywood Library on creating a satellite library on HIV/AIDS issues at the HIV Center.

Tom West noted that the agency continues to meet its program goals pursuant to its contract with the City, despite a series of organizational problems, including staff turnover. He said the agency would continue to update the Commission on a quarterly basis.

B. Los Angeles Shanti Foundation

John Copeland reported on forums on the use of crystal methamphetamine which will be held at some time between now and July 1997, with the goal of putting users in touch with existing service providers and informing people of the physical consequences of prolonged use.

C. GLCSC West Hollywood Cares

Thomas Dyer of GLCSC West Hollywood Cares reported that during the first month of the new contract period there was a very good response to the agency's DSSN (Demand Safer Sex Now) campaign, and that they are meeting contract goals at 100 percent or higher. Visibility events are planned at Mickey's, A Different Light, and Spike, as well as media exposure focusing on December 1, World AIDS Day.

D. Starbucks

Tom West reported that any change in the local store's policy on informational posting would have to be made by the regional office in Seattle. On a motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the Commission directed that a letter be sent to the Starbucks regional office on this matter, with a copy to the local store.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recreation Services Division: Update on Current Programming

Curtis Brown, Jr., introduced staff members, and noted some changes and expansions of job duties. Armando Abrego reported on West Hollywood Park improvements, which have improved usage and attractiveness as a rental.

Mike Atkin reported on Plummer Park and the recent Teen Summit there. Many good ideas for the park master plan were received at the summit.

Amy Crittenden reported on the Teen Center, which is in need of computers, printers, and a television. Commissioner Mackler suggested adding the phone number and City logo on the Teen Center newsletter.

Susan Smith reported on the West Hollywood Pool, which has recently been closed for repairs and improvements, including cleaning the shell, improving water treatment procedures, and adding new filters. It was reopened this week.

Julie Burson reported on the Farmers Market and Community Gardens. There will be a new garden opening on the corner of Fountain and Detroit. This is the third Community Garden, and already there is a waiting list of 22 persons. The new garden will have about 35 spaces.

Chris Worland reported on the Friends of the Park program, which had its first meeting on Nov. 6 at City Hall. The program will provide support and advocacy for recreation and leisure activities and services. There are further meetings scheduled for Dec. 11 and Jan. 8. Commissioners and others are invited to attend. Commissioner Klein suggested linking with the statewide Friends of the Parks organization.

Beth Sazama reported on the Angels Amidst program, which will be held Dec. 3 along with the official commencement of holiday season lighting of Santa Monica Boulevard. She also reported on the Halloween Carnaval, which drew an estimated 110,000 persons. Commissioner Davis and others noted that the Halloween event is now regarded as the largest in the country.

Bonnie Smith reported on the eighth Alex Macfarlane Tennis Tournament, in which 175 players gathered from as far away as San Diego and Santa Barbara. Funds raised were for the Children's Hospital.

Commissioners were asked to review and comment on the draft recreation brochure, which is scheduled for distribution in January.

Curtis Brown introduced Mike Genkin and Sergio Freidzon, two youth who made a special presentation to Commissioner Davis in appreciation for the hockey program.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

There was no chairs meeting this month.

Commissioner Roberts reported on the possibility of assisting the transportation aspect of the Partners Adult Day Health Care program, and on the seniors luncheon that was held at Plummer Park.

Commissioner Mackler reported on the change in the Assembly majority as a result of the November 1996 general election, and on the anticipated impact of the change on HIV and AIDS policy at the state level.

At this point, the Commission was visited by Councilmember Steve Martin and Council Deputy Richard Ryan, who greeted Commissioners.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Jeff Book presented an invitation to Commissioners from Jewish Vocational Services, which is holding an awards program.

VII. REORGANIZATION

Pursuant to rules calling for an annual reorganization of the officers of the Commission, the floor was opened for nominations for the office of Chair. Commissioner Mackler nominated Commissioner Davis, and this was seconded by Commissioner Hull. There being no further nominations, there was a motion to close nominations and declare Commissioner Davis elected, which was unanimously approved.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Roberts nominated Commissioner Horne. Commissioner Klein nominated Commissioner Roberts, who declined. Commissioner Klein nominated Commissioner Mackler. Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner Hull. When the roll was called, there were three votes for Commissioner Hull (Davis, Horne, and Hull), two votes for Commissioner Horne (Nieto and Roberts), and two votes for Commissioner Mackler (Klein and Mackler).

The Commission decided that the name of Commissioner Hull would be placed into a runoff, and to conduct a second ballot to determine which of the second-place finishers would be in the runoff. On this ballot, there were four votes for Commissioner Mackler (Davis, Horne, Klein, and Mackler) and three votes for Commissioner Horne (Hull, Nieto, and Roberts).

The question then occurred on the runoff between Commissioners Hull and Mackler, in which there were five votes for the former (Davis, Horne, Hull, Nieto, and Roberts) and two votes for the latter (Klein and Mackler). Commissioner Hull was declared Vice Chair.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC


There were no additional items from the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Ed Gould.

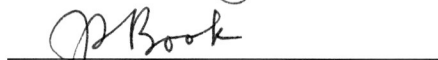
The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 1996, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 10, 1996



Michaeljohn Horne, Chair

Date



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

Date