

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - DECEMBER 12, 1995
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, December 12, 1995, 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, Sandra Jacoby Klein,
Peter Mackler, John Nieto

Excused: Leslie Hull, Shirley Roberts

Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Jodi Curlee, Social Services Administrator; Daphne Dennis, Tom West, Tamar Springer, Monica Stone, and Jeff Book of the Human Services Dept.; and Judith Wright and Elizabeth Savage of the Finance Dept.

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 November 14, 1995, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Mackler, seconded by Commissioner Nieto.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business at this time.

By unanimous consent, Agenda Items IV.B. and IV.C. were reversed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. AGENCY PRESENTATION: THE CORE PROGRAM

As one of a series of presentations and site visits to social services agencies which provide services by contract with the City, Ralph W. Mayo, Executive Director of The Core Program, described that agency's mission and accomplishments, and distributed the most recent quarterly survey of the target population. Now in its tenth year, The Core Program conducts outreach and education for persons engaged in sex work. He said the program uses food coupons and bus tokens as

incentives for these persons to receive health and safety information. He said the average age of persons contacted by the program is 26-27.

Commissioner Klein asked how outreach is actually conducted, and what changes Ralph has seen in the program over the years. He said outreach is conducted by bicycle, principally on Santa Monica Boulevard, and that the most notable feature of the program's demographics was how little variation there has been. He said the statistics by age and ethnicity have never varied by more than 4 percent, year to year.

B. YEAR-END SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACTS REPORTS

Jodi Curlee presented the packet of year-end reports from the City's contracted social services agencies.

Monica Stone, Disabilities Specialist, noted that the Disabilities program is recommended for probation, thanked the Commission for its continuing support, and said that goals were being amended in consultation with staff.

Marcia Pontoni of Women Helping Women noted that WHW is recommended for probation, and said that they are doing much good work despite the appearance of the overall numbers. She noted several individual cases where WHW had a significant impact, and said they are working on increasing the number of calls and support group meetings.

Fran Reed of Partners Adult Day Health Care Center noted that the program only began admitting participants in October 1994, and has a number of new West Hollywood participants.

Dylan Gailey of GLCSC Mental Health said that the Counseling and Addiction Recovery programs have been merged into the new Mental Health program, and that the combined scopes of services better reflect the capacities of GLCSC.

Danny Jenkins of GLCSC Youth spoke about that program.

Jodi Curlee responded to questions about particular items in the report from Commissioners Klein, Davis, and Nieto.

C. COUNCIL ITEM ON FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Jodi Curlee reported on the item going to the City Council at its January 2, 1996, meeting, regarding allocation of \$23,000 in one-time savings from Social Services programs to fund programming for children and youth in West Hollywood. Dorothy Lank of Dispute Resolution Services also spoke about the proposal.

The Commission endorsed the item by a vote of 5 to 0, on a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Klein.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

A. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Social Services Subcommittee

The subcommittee will meet in late January or February to talk about the process for re-funding of social services agencies.

2. HIV Subcommittee

Tom West, Social Services Program Specialist, is taking a month off, so the subcommittee will probably meet in February.

B. LIAISONS

1. Library

Commissioner Klein reported on progress toward a new library. Lloyd Long said that Council has adopted a process leading to the development of the proposed new facility, and that staff had visited the Venice library this week. The City may seek corporate support for the new facility.

2. Senior Advisory Council

Commissioner Davis reported on the most recent activities of SAC. Lester Hirsch, the SAC chair, was injured recently.

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

The January meeting of HRMAC is scheduled for West Hollywood City Hall on Thursday, January 11.

4. Partners

Tamar Springer, Social Services Program Specialist, reported on the Partners program.

5. Community Relations Working Group

Commissioner Horne said that CRWG discussed the Chabad afternoon teen program at its most recent meeting. Jodi Curlee said tht staff had met with Chabad regarding the program yesterday, and that new staff is on board there.

6. Chairs Meeting

Commissioner Horne said that the Chairs Meeting discussed the upcoming Directors' Retreat in January. The January agenda for the Commission will include discussion of items for Lloyd Long to forward to the directors for discussion at the retreat. The City is looking for a retail client to occupy the ground floor of the parking facility now under construction. Gay and lesbian elected officials will hold a national conference in West Hollywood in 1996.

C. OTHER ITEMS

A letter indicating the Commission's condolences will be sent to Abby Liebman, on the loss of her sister.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF:

Lloyd Long reported that a new Community Garden site has been developed at Detroit and Lexington. This is the third Community Garden site, and additional locations are being scouted.

On the January 2 Council agenda there will be a \$60,000 item regarding the Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center.

There will be a winter holiday program on Dec. 22 at West Hollywood Pre-School.

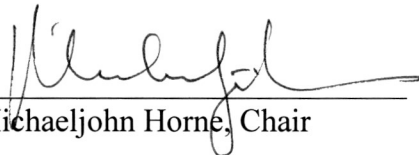
VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no items from the public at this time.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 p.m., the Commission was adjourned. The next meeting will be held in the same location on Tuesday, January 9, 1996, unless otherwise announced.

MINUTES APPROVED JANUARY 9, 1996



Michaeljohn Horne, Chair

Date



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

Date