

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - OCTOBER 15, 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 5 p.m., Tuesday, October 15, 1996, in Fiesta Hall at Plummer Park, 1200 N. Vista St., West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the roll.

Present: Steven Davis, Michaeljohn Horne, Sandra Jacoby Klein,
Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts
Excused: Leslie Hull, John Nieto
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, and Jeff Book.

C. POSTING OF AGENDA

The Recording Secretary reported that notices were posted as required. The item regarding mid-year self assessments by social service contractors was amended to indicate that these are actually year-end reports.

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 September 10, 1996, were approved, with the amendment by Commissioner Roberts that commissioners had requested that Being Alive be asked to appear at the next meeting.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Being Alive

An update on this agency was scheduled because Commissioner Roberts had visited the

offices on several occasions and found them closed.

Daphne Dennis reported that the program director for Being Alive had resigned in August, so that for much of September and October, the program's office at the HIV Day Center on San Vicente Blvd. had been staffed by volunteers. A new program director has been hired, and hours of operation should be standard once again. The most recent program report was distributed.

Commissioner Horne noted that Being Alive has both an important history and the flaws that go with being a social services agency, and that it publishes a newsletter which is widely respected. Being Alive staff will be invited to attend the next meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Year-End Self Assessments

Commissioners will consider questions to be asked on the year-end self-assessments.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Roberts reported that there is a new R.N. at Partners ADHC, and invited Commissioners to a debate on Proposition 209 which will occur this evening at the Pacific Design Center.

Staff will check to see if Commissioner Mackler's legislative update to Tom West can be distributed to Commissioners on a regular basis.

At a welfare reform hearing in Sacramento last week, Councilmember Abbe Land testified, accompanied by Sandra King of Jewish Family Services, regarding the City's new program on naturalization.

Commissioner Davis reported on the Teen Summit, which he said was very interesting. Councilmember Land ran the summit meeting, which sought youth input on the park master plans and other possible programs for youth. Lloyd Long said that another summit is anticipated in six months. Commissioner Davis also reported that he is planning to attend the orientation meeting for social services agencies.

Commissioner Horne reported on the recent chairs meeting, which occurred during the period in which City Manager Paul Brotzman was departing, and on a recent hearing on crystal methamphetamine which was held by the Public Safety Commission and facilitated by Nancy Greenstein. At the latter meeting, guests spoke on the price, effects, and availability of the drug in West Hollywood, and on consequences such as extreme paranoia and a severe lessening of personal effectiveness. Ferd Eggan, Kathy Watt, Tom West, and Commissioner Horne had discussed the pattern of use in West Hollywood, which was said to focus on (a) professionals and regular partygoers, and (b) street hustlers. Council Deputy Richard Ryan and Commissioner Horne will continue to address these issues.

Commissioners would like to receive newsletters from the various agencies, so staff will

contact the agencies and encourage the Commissioners' inclusion on the appropriate mailing lists.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

On the topic of official business parking permits, Lloyd Long reported that staff had placed on the City Council agenda an item granting these permits to the Commissioners, but that due to continuing litigation over city parking regulations, City Attorney Michael Jenkins had recommended that there be no further changes in parking permit rules at this time. Commissioner Roberts noted that it was unfair for some Commissions to be allocated these permits, and not the Human Services Commission.

The annual Halloween Carnival will be held Thursday, October 31, and VIP passes for Commissioners will be arranged.

The November meeting will mark 12 months since the last reorganization of the Commission, so election of officers will be scheduled.

Lloyd noted that Recreation Services Administrator Curtis Brown, Jr., is a candidate for the post of president of the California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS). Curtis currently serves as treasurer.

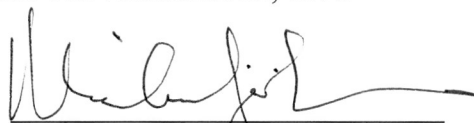
VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Thomas Dyer, program coordinator for GLCSC West Hollywood Cares, provided an update on the program in person, as he had promised Commissioners would occur. He spoke about the DSSN (Demand Safer Sex Now) campaign and newsletter, which will begin distribution this month. A program to provide a 10% business discount for DSSN participants is underway, and Mr. Dyer noted that Starbucks has not made space available in the store for information on this program, due to an apparent corporate policy. Staff will contact Starbucks to determine if this is a local or corporate policy.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

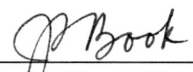
The meeting was adjourned in memory of Social Services Administrator Jodi Curlee's mother.

MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 12, 1996



Michaeljohn Horne, Chair

Date



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

Date