

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - JULY 17, 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, July 17, 1996, in the Community Conference Room at the City of West Hollywood, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission did not conduct the pledge of allegiance because there was no flag in the room.

B. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called roll.

Present: Steven Davis, Michaeljohn Horne, Leslie Hull,
Sandra Klein, Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts

Excused: John Nieto

Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services and Social Services staff members Jodi Curlee, Daphne Dennis, Tom West, Tamar Springer and Corey Roskin .

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. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Social Services Contract Program Recommendations for 1996-98 - Discussion of AIDS Education Funding Proposals

Jodi Curlee gave an update regarding the AIDS Education funding proposals that were submitted by AIDS Project Los Angeles, The CORE Program, Gay and Lesbian Center/West Hollywood CARES, Los Angeles Free Clinic/Project ABLE and The Los Angeles Shanti Foundation. She reiterated that staff's recommendation was to fund the Gay and Lesbian Center/West Hollywood CARES program for the full \$69,168 earmarked for AIDS Education.

The public hearing was opened and the following speakers spoke:

Ralph Mayo, West Hollywood - Ralph is the Executive Director of The CORE Program. He discussed the new AIDS Education program that they are proposing to the City and encouraged the Human Services Commission to consider the additional funding for this program.

Joe Morris, West Hollywood - Joe is a resident of West Hollywood. He spoke in support of West Hollywood CARES and encouraged the Human Services Commission to support the funding of their proposed AIDS Education program.

Stephanie Farrington-Domingue, Los Angeles - Stephanie is the director of the Community Outreach and Education program at the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. She spoke in support of the West Hollywood CARES program and discussed working in partnership with the City of West Hollywood.

Dean Decent, Los Angeles - Dean works for the Los Angeles County HIV Epidemiology Office. Dean said that he is involved with the "Young Men's Survey" project and has been working closely with West Hollywood CARES. He spoke in support of the CARES program.

Thomas Dyer, Los Angeles - Thomas is the Program Manager for the West Hollywood CARES Program. Thomas spoke on behalf of the program, thanked City staff for their support and encouraged the Human Services Commission to support funding West Hollywood CARES' new AIDS Education proposal.

John Copeland, Los Angeles - John works for the L.A. Shanti Foundation. He encouraged the Human Services Commission to support innovative AIDS Education programs including the proposal from Shanti.

Torr Melling, West Hollywood - Torr is a resident and business owner in West Hollywood. He encouraged the Human Services Commission to support the funding of the proposed AIDS Education program from West Hollywood CARES.

Cheryl Kono, Los Angeles - Cheryl runs the Project ABLE program at the Los Angeles Free Clinic. She spoke on behalf of the program and encouraged the Human Services Commission to consider funding Project ABLE.

Jeff Bailey, Los Angeles - Jeff is the Program Manager for the Sex Essentials program at AIDS Project Los Angeles. Jeff discussed this program and encouraged the Human Services Commission to consider funding Sex Essentials.

The public hearing was closed and the Commission engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the funding of AIDS Education program(s).

Jodi Curlee clarified that the Social Services staff is interested in supporting the LA Free Clinic's Project ABLE but that the scope of the project in West Hollywood appears to be small enough that we might be able help them out through other means outside the social services contract funding process.

The following motions were made regarding AIDS Education funding:

1. The Human Services Commission moves to support staff's recommendation regarding AIDS Education programs (to fund GLCSC-West Hollywood CARES for \$69,168) and to restore the \$3,636 to L.A. Shanti Foundation for the 1996-98 contract funding cycle.

Motion: Commissioner Mackler
2nd: Commissioner Hull
Ayes: Mackler, Horne, Hull
Noes: Davis, Klein, Roberts
This motion failed.

2. The Human Services Commission moves to restore \$3,636 to L.A. Shanti Foundation for relationship groups for gay and bisexual men for the 1996-98 contract funding cycle.

Motion: Klein
2nd: Roberts
Ayes: All Ayes
This motion carried.

3. The Human Services Commission moves to fund GLCSC/West Hollywood CARES at its current funding level (\$61,332) and to fund the L.A. Shanti Foundation for \$4200 for Crystal Meth Education programming for the 1996-98 contract funding cycle.

Motion: Davis
2nd: Roberts
Ayes: All Ayes
This motion carried.

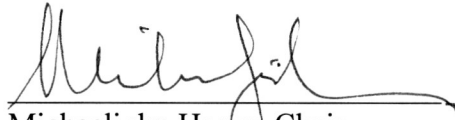
Jodi Curlee suggested that Chairperson Horne review the supplementary Social Services staff report regarding the Human Services Commission's recommendations for AIDS Education funding prior to the report going to City Council.

Commissioner Davis requested that the Social Services staff keep the Human Services Commission updated regarding any assistance that is provided to the L.A. Free Clinic/Project ABLE.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

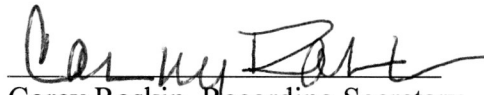
Chairperson Horne adjourned to the next regular Human Services Commission on Tuesday, August 13, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. at West Hollywood City Hall.

MINUTES APPROVED SEPTEMBER 10, 1996



Michaeljohn Horne, Chair

Date



Corey Roskin, Recording Secretary

Date