

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 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., Monday, September 12, 1995, in Conference Room 1-A.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Those choosing to do so recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL:

The Recording Secretary called roll.

Present: Steven Davis, Michaeljohn Horne, Sandra Klein,
Leslie Hull, Peter Mackler, John Nieto

Excused: Shirley Roberts

Absent: none

A quorum was present. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Sam Baxter, Landscape and Building Maintenance Administrator; Curtis Brown, Recreation Services Administrator; Chris Worland, Kevin Trudeau, Tamar Springer, and Jeff Book.

C. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The Recording Secretary reported that notices were posted properly.

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 July 17, 1995, and August 8, 1995, meetings were approved.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lloyd Long introduced Tamar Springer, formerly of Jewish Family Services, who has succeeded Perri Sloane as Social Services Program Specialist; Kevin Trudeau, formerly of the City of Santa Clarita, who is now Building Maintenance Supervisor; and Chris Worland, formerly of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, who is now Recreation Specialist.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. WORK PROGRAM FOR LANDSCAPE & BUILDING
MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Sam Baxter reported on the 1995-96 workplan for this division, which not only handles maintenance and improvement of the City's parks and buildings, but also assists with animal control and graffiti removal, and participates in implementing the transition plan required by the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Major items for the Division this year include the West Hollywood Park master plan; filling the position of Landscape Supervisor; installing new furnishings such as picnic tables and benches at West Hollywood and Plummer Parks; placement of new equipment in the Tiny Tot area at West Hollywood Park; and improvements to street trees. Additional items being pursued by the Division include a landscape plan for the Sheriff's offices, renovation of the West Hollywood Park Auditorium, and the continuing renovation of the William S. Hart House in Hart Park.

The Division's progress in accomplishing these goals is reviewed quarterly by the Department Director and the City Manager. He noted that workplan goals are expressed in a new format this year.

Lloyd Long said that a five-year capital improvement plan is under development and that one top priority will be a new library. The master plan for West Hollywood Park is being revived to facilitate consideration of the Ron Stone HIV Center as a potential site for a new library.

The County is holding hearings on continuing the Community Facilities District (CFD), and the City is talking with the County about what happens if we are willing to participate. An estimated \$400,000 per year would be generated for new services, and that money must be spent in the city. The CFD could provide a revenue source for a new library. Also at issue is whether, and for how long, the County will continue to subsidize library services through the General Fund.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

A. Disabilities Advisory Council

Commissioners Horne and Mackler were unanimously appointed as liaisons to the Disabilities Advisory Council upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Klein.

B. Reports of Subcommittees and Liaisons

HIV Subcommittee: Commissioner Klein reported that the Subcommittee has located a videotape focusing on concerns and issues of gay men who are HIV-negative, and is arranging for this to be shown through West Hollywood cable. The Subcommittee will look into the possibility of having the tape subtitled in Spanish and Russian to increase the number of West Hollywood residents who benefit.

Chairs Meeting: Commissioner Mackler reported on the most recent meeting of the chairs of the City's advisory boards, which he attended in place of Commissioner Horne. Items under discussion included Crime Prevention Month, rent decontrol, the Sunset Specific Plan, and the issue of the GLCSC Drop-In Center.

Senior Advisory Council: There was no report because SAC did not meet.

Commissioner Horne suggested that agencies which do not attend scheduled planning and coordination meetings with the City should be de-funded. Staff indicated this material will be gathered and will be available to the Commission during the next funding process for social services programs.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF:

Lloyd Long discussed the Drop-In Center. A realtor is working with GLCSC on a new location, and the City has discussed making a capital grant to the Center to aid them in placing the facility. Commissioner Davis asked why the City felt obligated to help GLCSC transfer the facility from its lease on Gardner. Commissioner Mackler said the City has a long-term relationship with GLCSC which, other than the Gardner siting problem and attendance problems at meetings, has been positive in many ways. He said perhaps the City should consider a loan rather than a grant.

Lloyd Long noted several items of current activity in the department, including:

- (1) filling of the special events coordinator position;
- (2) expansion of "Get Used to It" to audiences across the nation;
- (3) Cuervotivity art work dedication, scheduled for later in the week;
- (4) appreciation to the Human Services Commission for its support to staff during the last couple of months, which have been marked by some challenging transitions.

Commissioner Davis asked staff to send a letter of support from the Human Services Commission to Assembly Member Sheila J. Kuehl of Santa Monica.

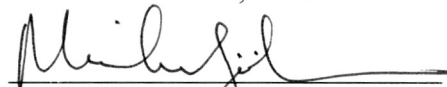
VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Robert and Phyllis Coto, 800 N. Kings Road, commented regarding the need for a greater visibility for persons with disabilities on the city's cable channel, perhaps including a talk show focusing on this. They expressed support for the City's diversity of activities.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

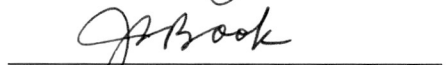
At 8:00 p.m., the Commission was adjourned in memory of Mac McCoy and Dr. Robert Eichberg. The next meeting will be at 4 p.m., Tuesday, October 10, in Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 10, 1995



Michaeljohn Horne, Chair

Date



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

Date