

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - OCTOBER 10, 1995
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chairperson Michaeljohn Horne at 4 p.m., Tuesday, October 10, 1995, in Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park.

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, John Nieto, Shirley Roberts

Excused: none

Absent: none

Commissioner Peter Mackler joined the meeting in process and was marked present. A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Jodi Curlee, Social Services Administrator; Sam Baxter, Landscape and Building Maintenance Administrator; Curtis Brown, Recreation Services Administrator; Chris Worland, Tamar Springer, Armando Abrego, Tom West, Nancy Greenstein, 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 September 12, 1995, meeting were approved, with the correction that the meeting also was adjourned in memory of Mac McCoy, former Recording Secretary of the Commission.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SELF-ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS FOR 1994-95 YEAR-END REPORT

Jodi Curlee discussed the draft self-assessment questions for this year's Social Services year-end report, and received advice from the Commission regarding which questions were most important, and whether any additional subjects should be included.

B. CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE

Jodi Curlee presented the issue of public perceptions about the use of crystal methamphetamine in the West Hollywood community, and said the possibility had been raised of a public hearing in which community members might feel free to talk about personal experiences or information regarding the drug. The Commission discussed various possible responses and designated Michaeljohn Horne and Shirley Roberts as delegates to work with Mayor Heilman and Council Member Martin in an interdepartmental working group.

C. PLUMMER PARK

Lloyd Long distributed copies of the master plan for Plummer Park and reviewed it with the Commission.

Nancy Greenstein discussed the WHINS (West Hollywood Is Neighborhood Service) program, which has acted on a variety of recommendations for improving Plummer Park and making it a cleaner, safer space. Among the possibilities being pursued by WHINS are bilingual and trilingual signs. She noted a positive change in who is generally present in the park, and said this has added to the perception of improvements.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

A. Human Relations Mutual Assistance Consortium (HRMAC):

Commissioner Davis reported on the recent HRMAC meeting at the Museum of Tolerance, where representatives from many cities and Los Angeles County gathered to share information about dealing with human relations problems, and to plan interjurisdictional assistance during human relations crises. He said the Consortium wants to be pro-active in anticipating and preventing such problems and in promoting cultural understanding. He invited other Commissioners and staff to join in attending the next meeting. Staff will notify Commissioners when further information is available.

B. Reports of Subcommittees and Liaisons

HIV Subcommittee: Commissioner Klein reported that the Subcommittee reviewed its HIV-negative videotape, and is in discussion with West Hollywood cable to show the tape in the near future.

Chairs Meeting: Commissioner Horne reported on the most recent meeting of the chairs of the City's advisory boards.

Russian G&L Task Force: This group will be meeting in October.

Senior Advisory Council: This group will also be meeting in October.

Commissioner Davis reported that the Public Safety Commission was interested in a joint meeting with the Human Services Commission in November. This was scheduled.

Commissioner Horne read a message from Mrs. Billie McCoy, mother of Mac McCoy, thanking the Commission for its letter.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

A. AGENCY PRESENTATIONS AND SITE VISITS

The Social Services subcommittee will review options for site visits and agency presentations with Jodi Curlee, and return a recommendation in November.

B. OTHER ITEMS

Lloyd Long noted that Commission by-laws establish the November meeting as the time of reorganization and election of officers; that a Halloween celebration will be held on Oct. 31; and that a joint meeting of the Commission and the City Council will be scheduled for December or January.

Lloyd reviewed with the Commission the City's invitation from the Mayor of Kyoto, Japan, to participate in a conference on health-conscious municipal policy. West Hollywood is one of only three cities worldwide invited to participate in the Kyoto meeting: the others are Canberra, Australia, and Liverpool, England. Daphne Dennis will represent the City at the conference.

Lloyd also provided an input on the GLCSC Youth Drop-In Center.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Colleen Walch described an incident at the Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center in which she was denied the use of her service dog. The matter is also being brought to the Disabilities Advisory Council, and to the attention of Social Services staff.

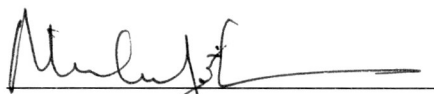
John Von Douris spoke in support of Colleen Walch and said that greater sensitivity to persons with disabilities is needed at GLCSC. He said that the Disability Advisory Council would like to produce a guide similar to the Senior Resource Guide, and that members of the Council will attend the Governor's Conference in Long Beach, Oct. 25-27.

Donna Vega spoke about unequal access to GLCSC programs.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

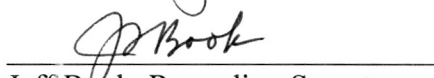
At 5:30 p.m., the Commission adjourned to a walking tour of Plummer Park. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 1995, and is planned as a joint meeting with the Public Safety Commission.

MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 14, 1995



Michael John Horne, Chair

Date



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

Date