

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - JULY 09, 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 09, 1996, in the Community Conference Room at the City of West Hollywood, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Horne led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called roll.

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

Excused: none

Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services and Social Services staff members 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 11, 1996 meeting were unanimously approved (with a motion by Commissioner Klein that was seconded by Commissioner Roberts) with the amendments as follows:

1. The second sentence of the third paragraph under Items from the Commission (Item V) becomes a separate paragraph.
2. Under the Adjournment item (Item IX), the next meeting date is changed from August 13, 1996 to July 09, 1996.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Social Services Contract Program Recommendations for 1996-98

Daphne Dennis summarized the staff report regarding the Social Services staff recommendations for the the contract agencies for the 1996-1998 contract period.

The following members of the public spoke regarding this item:

Raph Mayo, West Hollywood - Ralph is the Executive Director of The CORE Program and expressed his dissatisfaction that the Social Services staff was not recommending additional funding for The CORE Program's proposed expanded AIDS Education program. He encouraged the the Human Services Commission to consider supporting target-specific programs in their consideration of the AIDS Education component of the contract renewal process.

Rob Knight, West Hollywood; Stan Specht, Los Angeles; Paul Shelsky, West Hollywood - Rob, Stan and Paul spoke on behalf of the L.A. Free Clinic/HIV Drop-In Center as clients of the Center. They praised the Center and requested that the City consider additional funding as the programs continue to increase and serve greater numbers of West Hollywood residents.

Steve Wickson, West Hollwood - Steve is the Program Manager for the L.A. Free Clinic/HIV Drop-In Center and requested that the City consider the Free Clinic's additional funding request for the Drop-In Center due to the increase in clientele and programs offered at the Center. He indicated concern regarding the tenuous funding for the Drop-In Center from Los Angeles County.

Joan Lindell, Los Angeles - Joan is the Program Manager for Jewish Family Services/Board & Care Program and thanked the City and Human Services Commission for their support of the program.

Vivian Sauer, West Hollywood - Vivian is the Program Manger for the West Hollywood Senior Center, Partners Adult Day Health Care and JFS-Disability Services programs. She also thanked the Commission for their support, especially in regards to the disability program which has undergone a number of revamps in an effort to make the program more effective.

Antonio LeMons, Los Angeles - Antonio is the Program Director for the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center/West Hollywood CARES program and thanked staff for supporting the funding of their new AIDS Education campaign.

Andrea Wagner, West Hollywood - Andrea is the Program Manger for Jewish Vocational Service/West Hollywood Employment Services and Training (WHEST) and thanked staff for their support of the program and for the additional funding for their youth services program.

Helen Levin, West Hollywood - Helen Levin is the Executive Director of the Russian Community Center and thanked the City for their support of the Center.

Cheryl Kono, Los Angeles - Cheryl is the Program Director for the Project ABLE program at the Los Angeles Free Clinic which provides AIDS Education to young persons through the Los Angeles area. Cheryl requested that the Human Services Commission look more closely at youth issues regarding AIDS Education when considering the funding process.

Steve Malone, West Hollywood - Steve is the Executive Director of Aid for AIDS (AFA) and thanked the Human Services Commission for their support of AFA. He also clarified the West Hollywood client eligibility criteria for AFA grant programs.

Jason Wittman, West Hollywood - Jason is the Director of Los Angeles Youth Supportive Services. Jason discussed his program and said that if the Commission and/or City consider funding other programs in the future that he would like for his program to be considered in this process.

Public testimony was closed and the Human Services Commission engaged in discussion of this item.

The Human Services Commission expressed unanimously that they would like to see the City provide more money for the L.A. Free Clinic/HIV Drop-In Center due to the possible County funding cuts in conjunction with the increase in clientele/services at the Center. A motion was made by Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner Mackler regarding this matter. Since County funding is secure until January, staff suggested revisiting this issue in January if the County funds are cut and/or reduced. The Commission concurred with this recommendation and the motion was withdrawn.

The Human Services Commission expressed unanimously that they would like to have more analysis of the AIDS Education proposals. The following motion was made by Commissioner Mackler, seconded by Commissioner Roberts and unanimously approved by all members of the Commission:

Motion: The Human Services Commission accepts staff's recommendations regarding the social services contract program recommendations for 1996-98 with the exception of item number 14 regarding AIDS Education funding for GLCSC-West Hollywood CARES. The Commission recommends that the City Council delay action on this item number 14. They also request that a special meeting be held on July 17, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. to review this item further and provide a report to the City Council for their August 5, 1996 Council meeting regarding their decision on the item.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

A-B. Subcommittee and Liaison reports

Commissioner Mackler reported on current legislative issues of importance to the Commission.

Commissioner Klein reported that she and Vice-Chair Davis will be attending the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations meeting.

Chairperson Horne provided a report regarding the last Commission Chair's meeting.

C. Discussion of Joint Meeting with City Council

The Human Services Commission discussed the joint meeting they recently had with the West Hollywood City Council.

Commissioner Klein indicated that she did not feel that the meeting was sufficient and recommended that another meeting be scheduled with the Council and the Human Services Commission.

The following motion was made by Vice-Chair Martin, seconded by Commissioner Klein and approved unanimously by the Commission:

Motion: The Human Services Commission directs staff to draft a letter from the Commission to the City Council requesting that the Council have another joint study session with the Commission within the next six months.

D. Other Items

The following motion was made by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Hull and approved unanimously by the Commission:

Motion: The Human Services Commission directs staff to draft a letter from the Commission to the City Council requesting that their "Official Business" parking permits be renewed. The Commission is frequently required to go on site visits throughout the City as part of their charge and feels that they are warranted to receive the "Official Business" permits in order to park in restrictive areas.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Lloyd Long stated that the City's budget was approved at the last Council meeting. He also advised the Commission that former Mayor Helen Albert is in very poor health and indicated how to reach her if interested.

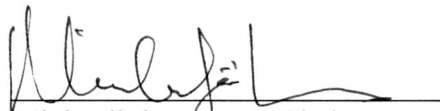
VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned to a special meeting on July 17, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. at West Hollywood City Hall to discuss the AIDS Education proposals.

MINUTES CORRECTED AND APPROVED SEPTEMBER 10, 1996



Michaeljohn Horne, Chair

Date



Corey Roskin, Recording Secretary

Date