

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – MARCH 19, 2013
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Ruth Cislowski at 6:01 pm, Tuesday, March 19, 2013, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Bob Shepard, Heidi Shink,
Mark Zangrando.

Not Present: Jimmy Palmieri, Anne-Marie Williams.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff members present included Daphne Dennis, Social Services Manager; Sam Baxter, Assistant City Manager; Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Corri Planck, Corey Roskin, and Jeff Book. Mayor Pro Tempore Abbe Land was also present.

C. **POSTING OF AGENDA**

The secretary reported notices for the meeting had been posted as required.

D. **PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Persons desiring to address the meeting were asked to complete a form.

II. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Pro Tempore Abbe Land invited commissioners to attend the April 15, 2013, Council meeting, which will include her installation as mayor, and installation of John D'Amico as mayor pro tempore.

III. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **COMMUNITY STUDY**

The Commission received a presentation from Abby Monroe, Steven Prestwood and Andrea Nelson of PMC summarizing the results of the Community Study that has been conducted to analyze social services needs and demographic characteristics of the community. The final report will be made in April, having been compiled from results of community outreach, a statistically valid community survey, and other sources of demographic

information. In the statistically valid survey, there were 6,498 received surveys, of which 727 were completed. Results were weighted to reflect demographics.

Highlights: Population in 2010 was 34,399, down from 35,716 in the year 2000. Household size also has decreased. The community is 56% male, 44% female – compared to 55% male, 45% female in 2000. Population under age 18 has decreased. Eighty-six percent are US citizens, which is more than previously. Eleven percent are from the nations of the former Soviet Union.

Commissioners discussed the data and implications of the report, and how the information will affect deliberations on services like mental health programs and alcohol- and drug-recovery services.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

There were no additional items from the Commission.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis introduced Elizabeth Savage, the new director of the Department of Human Services and Rent Stabilization.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Signed:



Ruth Cislowski, Chair