

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – May 10, 2011**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Hywel Sims at 6:03 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2011, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Hywel Sims,  
Mark Zangrando.

Not Present: None.

A quorum was present at all times. City staff members present included Sam Baxter, Daphne Dennis, David Giugni, and Craig Rhea.

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. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting were approved.

III. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no items from the public.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION—LA BREA PROJECT**

Jesse Slansky from the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation reviewed plans for a new project at 1145 N. La Brea Avenue, a 32-unit complex (including 15 units for people with special needs) with ground floor commercial space for a non-profit organization.

Jesse also reported that the project at 1234 N. Hayworth Avenue with 48 units for Seniors is moving along nicely.

B. UPDATE ON THE CAMPAIGN TO END HUNGER AND FOOD INSECURITY IN WEST HOLLYWOOD

Craig Rhea, Social Services Program Administrator, provided an update on the Campaign to End Hunger & Food Insecurity in West Hollywood. Key components of the ongoing campaign include:

- “*Food Programs in West Hollywood*,” a resource guide listing local organizations that fight hunger;
- The Emergency Hunger Response Program, emergency food kits with information about ongoing food resources distributed by the SOVA Community Food & Resource Program to local religious institutions and emergency social service responders for community members in distress;
- The West Hollywood Food & Nutrition Services planning and coordination meetings are held 2-3 times annually.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOVERY CENTER

Greg Howell, Board President for the West Hollywood Recovery Center, reported to the Commission on the 12-step recovery meetings held at the Center (57 meetings each week with 1,700 client visits). He expressed his appreciation to the City for the use of the Werle Building on Robertson which hosts the Center rent free.

B. REDUCING ALCOHOL-RELATED HARMS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY: A CITIES AND COUNTIES HEALTH REPORT

Daphne Dennis reported on the findings of a County report which links the proliferation of venues where alcohol can be purchased and/or consumed with crime statistics. She reviewed the recommendations for mitigation of harms, noting which the City is already doing and which would be recommended to Council to implement. Ruth Cislowski moved and Steven Davis seconded that the City pursue all mitigation measures.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Mark Zangrando noted that he will not be attending the June 14<sup>th</sup> commission meeting.

Ruth Cislowski mentioned that everyone had a good time at the Kid’s Fair in April and that it was more relaxed this year since it was not part of the big 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration as it was the year before. She suggested holding a Commission retreat once new members had been appointed. She noted that she may miss the Commission’s August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Hywel Sims noted that he will not be attending the July 12<sup>th</sup> or August 9<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Steven Davis noted that this is his last meeting as John Heilman's appointee.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

The following City events were highlighted by staff:

- Senior Health Fair on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Plummer Park;
- The LGBT Archivist, Libraries, Museums and Special Collections International Conference (ALMS) will be held from May 12 to 15 in Fiesta Hall and various rooms of the Community Center at Plummer Park, co-sponsored by the City, the Mazer Archives, and UCLA. Thursday evening's opening and Sunday morning's closing symposium presentations are open to the public free of charge and all conference information is available on the Mazer Archive website.
- Age March, Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at West Hollywood Park
- Russian Festival Sunday, May 22 at Plummer Park
- VolunTeen Awards and 2011 Youth scholarships, Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Plummer Park
- CSW – Weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>

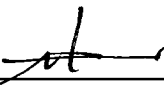
VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 in Rooms 5 and 6 of the Community Center at Plummer Park.

Signed,

  
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Steven L. Davis