

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 2005
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Steven L. Davis at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2005, in the Community Conference Room of City Hall, at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Daphne Dennis.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Augeri, Steven L. Davis, Charles Henry,
Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.

Not Present: Ruth Cislowski, Ponsella Gratton.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, and Jeff Book.

C. POSTING OF AGENDA

The Secretary reported that 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 request form.

II. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the September 13, 2005, meeting were moved by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Mackler, and approved, with Commissioner Davis abstaining.

Approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2005, meeting were moved by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and approved, with Commissioner Mackler abstaining.

No meeting was held on November 8, 2005, due to the special statewide election.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES

Daphne Dennis, Leslie Isenberg, and David Giugni discussed the year-end report and the results of agency self-assessments, and noted that some agencies with issues were present to comment on those.

Commissioner Mackler asked about concerns about reductions in funding from state and federal sources, and Leslie Isenberg said this was already having an impact on our social services agencies, and that more problems are expected.

Deborah Thomas of Dispute Resolution Services discussed their staff turnover, with leadership changing from David Helie to Jerry Lazar, and then to Catherine Turk. She said they are finding that landlords are less willing than ever to mediate disputes with tenants, and asked whether the city could take any steps to encourage them to do so.

Mickie Robbins and Jason Roundy of APLA discussed their confidence about improvements in the mental health program's numbers, and noted that Medicare Part D training is now available through their agency.

Neil Aves of AHF's mobile STD testing program gave a summary of how that program is doing. Commissioner Henry asked for West Hollywood information to be separated out in the future. There was discussion of the recent accuracy problems with OraQuick's quick-testing system.

Tripp Mills provided a one-page handout on the challenges of the community mobilization program, and said they are working on a new social marketing campaign that will be clearer than the most recent campaign about its topic.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. HOMELESS SERVICES

Leslie Isenberg discussed the YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard) flyer provided to the Commission, and the ongoing collaborative effort among Westside cities. Ed Edelman has been designated as "homeless czar" for the Westside cities.

B. COMMUNITY STUDY

Daphne Dennis said the community study went to about 4,000 households and that about 600 have been completed and received. The analyst will attend the January 2006 Commission meeting to present preliminary results. A community forum is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in West Hollywood Park.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Roberts noted that Los Angeles Free Clinic and its co-CEO, Abbe Land, appeared on ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover" program this week.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff wished commissioners happy holidays and noted that the annual Club Freedom event will again be held in West Hollywood Park on New Year's Eve.

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

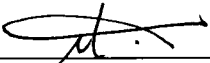
Commissioner Mackler nominated Steven L. Davis for chair. There were no additional nominations. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Henry, the Commission closed nominations, and declared Commissioner Davis elected.

Commissioner Davis nominated Peter Mackler for vice chair. There were no additional nominations. On a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Augeri, the Commission closed nominations, and declared Commissioner Mackler elected.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2006, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Signed: 

Steven L. Davis

Attest:

