

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 9, 2010
PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Deb Farmer at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 9, 2010, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Zangrando.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Debra Farmer, Hywel Sims, Mark Zangrando.

Not Present: Steven L. Davis, Chuck Henry, Shirley Roberts.

A quorum was present at all times. City staff members present included Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; David Giugni, and Jeff Book.

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 October 12, 2010, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Cislowski, seconded by Commissioner Sims.

III. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Brad Leathers updated the Commission on developments at Rainbow Bridge Community Services, which is in discussions of a possible merger with two other social services agencies.

Sam Borelli of the Public Safety Commission provided information about their Live Work Play Safely campaign, about preventing vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles, and the domestic violence prevention effort.

Christian Antonio Calle, of the Gay & Lesbian Center's legal department, provided a brief update of their work, and said the economy has affected the availability of attorneys, as well as the need for services.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. REPORT ON SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR PERMANENT HOUSING

This report was postponed to a later meeting.

B. URGENT NEEDS FUNDS

David Giugni reviewed draft policies on urgent needs funds. Members of the Commission discussed the amount and uses of the funds.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. SUBSIDIZED TRANSIT PROGRAM

Daphne Dennis said the City will be studying the subsidized transit programs available to seniors and people with disabilities, and seeking comment from the Human Services Commission as well as other city boards. Commissioner Sims said it would be good to know what neighboring cities are doing in this area.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The floor was opened for nominations for chair. Commissioner Cislowski nominated Commissioner Sims. This was seconded by Commissioner Zangrando. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed and Commissioner Sims was elected.

The floor was opened for nominations for vice chair. Commissioner Cislowski nominated Commissioner Zangrando. This was seconded by Commissioner Sims. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed and Commissioner Zangrando was elected.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

The Commission discussed the recent Halloween event.

Commissioner Farmer thanked members for their support during her time as chair.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

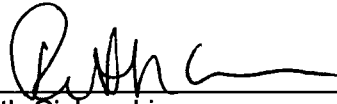
Daphne Dennis said that Perri Sloane Goodman, who previously worked for the city, has been hired as the new transportation program administrator in Social Services.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ruth Tittle spoke about a Russian Advisory Board member who spoke at the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board meeting, and also about "Making Paradise: The West Hollywood Musical," which was playing at Fiesta Hall.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to a reception with executive directors of social services agencies, to be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010.

Signed: 
Ruth Cislowski

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