

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2000
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

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The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Commissioner Peter Mackler at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2000, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: John D’Amico, Steven Davis, Teresa DeCrescenzo, Dr. Bill Griffin, Peter Mackler

Excused: Ruth Cislowski, Shirley Roberts

Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Commissioner DeCrescenzo joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Diane Kahn-Epstein, 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

The minutes of the September 21, 2000, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner D’Amico, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the minutes of the October 10, 2000, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner D’Amico, seconded by Commissioner Griffin.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. APPLICATION TO CALIFORNIA HEALTHY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Daphne Dennis informed the Commission of an application to California Healthy Cities and Communities, and that the City will probably hear back by March. This report was received and filed.

B. FINAL REPORT TO CALIFORNIA NUTRITION NETWORK

Daphne Dennis and Diane Kahn-Epstein presented the final report to the California Nutrition Network.

C. SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING FOR SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS

The Commission discussed priorities for funding in school-based programs. Staff recommended continuing the “light up a library” program at two elementary schools, continuing a small grant program, and retaining remaining funds in this category for future determination.

Comments were made by Cipra Nemeth, vice president of the Women Helping Children program of NCJW, and a library volunteer; Leslie Dozono, assistant for Women Helping Children and staff coordinator for Light Up a Library; Virginia Case, parent of a Rosewood Elementary student; Donna Feinstein; Gennadiy Danilkevich and Elina Dvorskaya, representing the Center for Additional Education.

Commissioner Griffin moved to endorse staff recommendations on funding in this area. This was seconded by Commissioner DeCrescenzo.

The Commission discussed the possibility of spending additional funds to support expanded programs. Commissioner DeCrescenzo moved to amend the motion by increasing funding for Light Up a Library from \$12,000 to \$24,000. This was accepted by the motion’s maker, and the amended motion was approved 5 to 0.

D. SCHEDULING OF AGENCIES’ PRESENTATIONS TO COMMISSION

The Commission discussed visiting agencies. Staff will provide a tentative schedule, bearing in mind that under the Brown Act a majority of the Commission may not visit the agency simultaneously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF CITY'S HALLOWEEN PROGRAMS

This item was carried over to the next agenda.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Davis said the AIDS education group is discussing the condom distribution issue.

Commissioner DeCrescenzo discussed a conference related to domestic violence which was held recently at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, and said the City should increase its level of participation. Daphne Dennis said Rich Ryan is the city's domestic violence coordinator, and staff will bring this to his attention.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items.

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The floor was declared open for nominations for Chair. Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner DeCrescenzo.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed, and Commissioner DeCrescenzo was elected unanimously.

The floor was then declared open for nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner DeCrescenzo nominated Commissioner Mackler.

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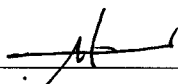
The newly elected officers will take office at the next regular meeting.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Signed: 
Steven L. Davis

Attest: