

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – OCTOBER 10, 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 Vice Chair Ruth Cislowski at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 10, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Ruth Cislowski, John D’Amico, Steven Davis, Dr. Bill Griffin,  
Peter Mackler  
Excused: Teresa DeCrescenzo, Shirley Roberts  
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Curtis Brown, Jr., Recreation Services Administrator; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; 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 still being prepared, so they were carried over to the next meeting.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. INCLUSION OF LIBRARY EVENTS IN RECREATION BROCHURE

Without objection, Item III.B. was taken up next. Commissioner Cislowski noted the importance of including library and library-related events in the recreation brochure, for the benefit of community members. It was so moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and approved.

A. RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Bob Muetting, Pam Ulrich, and Sheryl Gonzales, the city's recreation needs assessment consultants, gave an audio-visual presentation of the completed assessment. Copies of the report were provided, and are on record, so they are not duplicated here. Commissioners thanked the consultants for their presentation.

Commissioner Cislowski asked about whether more information about seniors and senior programming could be drawn from the report, and Curtis Brown said that they had not been broken out as a separate group, because senior-targeted programs and classes are run by Social Services, not Recreation. Of course seniors are welcome at all Recreation activities.

Commissioner Cislowski said she would like to understand more about the Commission's role in recreation programming, and Commissioner Davis noted that the Commission would like to help more in this regard.

The Halloween *Carnaval* is coming up on October 31, and comedian Margaret Cho has agreed to serve as Honorary Mayor.

At this point in the meeting, Commissioner Mackler left due to another obligation.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. PATH/FOUNDATION HOUSE UPDATE

Joel Roberts of PATH/Foundation House provided an update on their activities, including their use of a transitional grant from the City, the merger of the two organizations, and the ongoing capital campaign and construction program. They are aiming to raise \$7.7 million and have acquired \$4 million so far. A total of \$6 million is necessary to begin construction. They have received extensive help from Rhonda Fleming Mann and Ted Mann, and from Jackie Autry.

Roberts provided a handout on changing approaches to homeless issues, and discussed how this will be incorporated in the new center, including substance abuse and mental health components, and participation by the USC Medical Clinic and the county health department.

B. NUTRITION GRANT

The report on the acceptance of the city's nutrition grant was received and filed.

C. CLUB FREEDOM

Staff presented information about the third annual Club Freedom event, planned for New Year's Eve. More than 1,000 people are expected this year.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Davis discussed a meeting with the homeless organization.

There were no additional items.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Election of officers is scheduled for the November 14 meeting of the Commission.

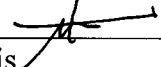
VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Signed:   
Steven L. Davis

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