

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – OCTOBER 10, 2002**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Peter Mackler at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 10, 2002, in Plummer Park Community Center Rooms 5 and 6, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. **ROLL CALL**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Davis.

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

Excused: none.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Tom West, Diane Kahn-Epstein, David Giugni, and Jeff Book. Commissioner DeCrescenzo joined the meeting in process.

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.

As noted in previous meetings, Commissioner Davis throughout this meeting abstained from any discussion or voting regarding his employer, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, or any funding to this specific category of social services.

II. **SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Daphne Dennis reviewed staff recommendations for social services funding. As a basis of discussion, Commissioner D’Amico moved, and Commissioner Gratton seconded, approval of the recommendations, subject to review on a line-by-line basis.

Commissioner Mackler recommended the commission proceed as much as possible by consensus.

Aid for AIDS -- Commissioner Griffin recommended increasing by \$12,500 over staff recommendation. Commissioner Gratton agreed. Commissioner D'Amico favored the staff recommendation, as did Commissioners Cislowski, Davis, and Mackler. Consensus in favor of the staff recommendation was determined.

AHF -- Commissioner D'Amico approved the staff recommendation. Commissioner Griffin said he would prefer to take these funds and use them elsewhere in the budget. The commission decided to revisit this item later in the meeting.

APLA -- All commissioners approved the staff recommendation. Commissioner Davis said he wanted to make sure that certain services, including dental, food, and case management, are provided.

ALA -- All approved the staff recommendation.

Aviva -- Commissioners DeCrescenzo, Cislowski, Davis, Gratton, Griffin, and Mackler approved the staff recommendation.

Being Alive -- All approved the staff recommendation.

Bet Tzedek -- All approved the staff recommendation.

CBD College -- All approved the staff recommendation, with Commissioners Mackler, Davis, Cislowski, and DeCrescenzo noting they were doing so reluctantly due to program achievement.

CFS -- All approved the staff recommendation.

DRS -- All approved the staff recommendation. Commissioner Davis asked for the agency to meet with the commission to discuss a better way to use their volunteers.

GLC Health/The Spot -- Commissioner Griffin favored increasing this item by \$16,041. Consensus was determined in favor of staff recommendation.

GLC Legal -- Commissioner DeCrescenzo recommended funding at \$20,317. This item was held for further discussion.

GLC Mental Health -- This item was held for further discussion.

GLC West Hollywood Cares -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

GLC Youth -- This item was held for further discussion.

JFS Comprehensive Services -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

JFS Nutrition -- This item was held for further discussion.

JFS Partners -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

JFS SOVA Food Pantry -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

JVS WHEST -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

LA Free Clinic -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

PATH -- This item was held for further discussion.

PAWS -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

PAF -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

PTC -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

Rainbow Bridge -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

Russian Community Center -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

Shanti -- This item was held for further discussion.

Van Ness education & outreach -- This item was held for further discussion.

Van Ness residential -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

Women Helping Children -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

Women Helping Women -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

The Commission then moved to the items that had been held for further discussion, resolving them one at a time.

AHF -- Commissioners compared this program with The Spot, and discussed the amount of funding. Karen Moll of AHF answered questions, and said they will do outreach on streetcorners at night. Consensus was reached at \$32,083.

GLC Mental Health -- Commissioner DeCrescenzo expressed concerns about persons having to wait for access to the program, and about inconvenient scheduling. Lorie

Elmelin, program manager, spoke about this. Consensus was reached at staff recommendation.

GLC Youth -- Commissioner Griffin proposed \$74,374, including \$16,041 from AHF and \$12,500 from PATH. Commissioner Gratton agreed with the increase. After discussion, the commission voted 5 to 2 in favor of the staff recommendation, with Commissioners Griffin and Gratton opposed.

There was a 5-minute break.

Commissioner Griffin recommended distributing \$50,000 from the recommendation for PATH to Shanti (\$25,000), AFA (\$12,500), and GLC Youth (\$12,500). He recommended zero funding AHF, with funds being divided evenly (\$16,041 each) between The Spot and GLC Youth.

Commissioner DeCrescenzo recommended funding the Wendy's Hope project, and said she could support \$16,041 for The Spot but not GLC Youth.

AFA -- Consensus was determined for staff recommendation.

AHF -- The staff recommendation was approved 5-1, with Commissioner Griffin dissenting, and Commissioner Davis abstaining.

GLC Health / The Spot -- The commission recommended \$87,083 by 5-1, with Commissioner Davis abstaining, and Commissioner Griffin dissenting.

GLC Legal -- The staff recommendation was disapproved 3 to 4, with Commissioners Cislowski, Davis, DeCrescenzo, and Gratton voting no. Commissioner DeCrescenzo moved, and Commissioner Davis seconded, funding at \$20,317, and this was approved 5-2, with Commissioners Gratton and Griffin voting no.

JFS Nutrition -- Commissioner Davis moved \$241,250, seconded by Commissioner Cislowski, and adopted 6-1, with Commissioner DeCrescenzo voting no.

PATH -- The staff recommendation of \$256,869 was approved 6-1, with Commissioner Griffin voting no.

Representatives of Wendy's Hope spoke to the commission, which discussed options for funding the program. Daphne Dennis noted \$12,245 is currently left unallocated after previous actions tonight. The staff recommendation for Shanti of \$87,084 was not agreed to, 2 to 5, with Commissioners D'Amico and Gratton voting yes. Commissioner DeCrescenzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to increase Shanti by \$12,245 to \$99,329. This was unanimously approved.

Van Ness education/outreach -- The staff recommendation of \$82,500 was approved 5 to 2, with Commissioners DeCrescenzo and Davis voting no.

There was discussion of unbundling the funding to Shanti/Wendy's Hope, so that it would be clear that the \$12,245 increase is specifically for the Wendy's Hope program, and is to be used that way. Commissioner DeCrescenzo moved to specify that the \$12,245 is for Wendy's Hope. This was seconded by Commissioner Cislowski and approved 5 to 2, with Commissioners Gratton and Griffin voting no.

Daphne Dennis announced that staff concurs with all the commission's actions, and therefore a unified report will go to the City Council. There will be no need for separate numbers to be submitted by staff and the commission.

Commissioners thanked staff for the implementation of this year's funding process.

III. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no additional items.

IV. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items.

V. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items.

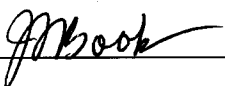
VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the commission was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to the next regular meeting, which is at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2002, in West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

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Signed:   
Steven L. Davis

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