

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

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Ruth Cislowski at 6:04 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 2005, in Room 6 of the Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Gratton.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Augeri, Ruth Cislowski, Ponsella Gratton,
Charles Henry, Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.

Not Present: Steven L. Davis.

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**

The minutes of the August 9, 2005, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Mackler, seconded by Commissioner Gratton, with Commissioner Cislowski abstaining.

III. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWALS

Daphne Dennis reported that we are at the mid-point of the contract cycle and that she was pleased that so many of the agencies were doing well. Economic pressures continue to be a challenge for many in the city, and agencies are watching to see how the Hurricane Katrina disaster in Louisiana and Mississippi will affect fundraising and social services.

Staff recommended that contracts with AIDS Healthcare Foundation and AIDS Project Los Angeles be placed on programmatic probation for the next six months. Agencies will be asked to provide monthly updates to the Commission during this period.

The Commission accepted public comment with regard to the renewal of social services contracts, from: 1. Jerry Lazar, DRS; 2. Tara Brown, PATH; 3. Kurt Petersen, PATH; 4. Ian Stulberg, Gay & Lesbian Center; 5. Dylan Gailey, Gay & Lesbian Center; 6. Paul Gore, L.A. Free Clinic; 7. Mickie Robbins, APLA; 8. Jason Roundy, APLA; 9. Kathy Watt, Van Ness Recovery House; 10. Megan Gonzalez; 11. Susan Belgrade, Partners ADHC; 12. Ken Washington, SOVA; 13. Demetri Moshoyannis, Being Alive; 14. Michael Garcia, AHF; 15. Karen Mall, AHF; 16. David Kruskall, JVS WHEST; 17. John Seiber, Project Angel Food; 18. Janet Witkin, Alternative Living for the Aging; 19. Marina Berkman, JFS Comprehensive Services; 20. Jeff Bailey, Gay & Lesbian Center; 21. Sharon Gerber, AVIVA; and 22. Steve Wayland, PAWS L.A.

Commissioner Mackler moved approval of the staff recommendation. This was seconded by Commissioner Henry and unanimously approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Leslie Isenberg provided information on activities and programs planned for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

B. DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

Leslie Isenberg provided information on activities and programs planned for Disability Awareness Month.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Mackler noted that the regular date for the November commission meeting – Tuesday, Nov. 8 – is the date of the special statewide election. The commission discussed whether to reschedule the November meeting, or possibly cancel it.


VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis said the City Council's housing committee is working with Rent Stabilization and other staff on mitigating the impact of changes at the Palm View Apartments, which were discussed at the previous meeting. The committee is also considering the overall impact of changing rental rates in the city. The committee was informed of the Commission's concerns, and will probably make a public report at the Oct. 17 Council meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2005, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Signed: 
Ruth Cislowski

Attest:

