

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 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., Tuesday, October 1, 2002, in Fiesta Hall at Plummer Park, 1200 N. Vista St., West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cislowski.

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

Excused: Teresa DeCrescenzo.

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.

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. NEW BUSINESS

A. SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING REQUESTS

Daphne Dennis summarized a new handout listing current funding of social services agencies, and the funding requested by applicants to provide services in 2002-2003.

Commissioner Mackler clarified that Commissioner Davis, as an employee of an agency which is an applicant for funding, will not participate in determining funding for that agency or category.

Commissioner Mackler said he hopes the Commission will reach consensus on funding recommendations, rather than necessitating votes on each item. He asked commissioners to review the categories proposed in staff's item.

It was moved by Commissioner D'Amico, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to accept the names and descriptions of the categories as presented in the staff report. This was adopted 6 to 0.

It was moved by Commissioner D'Amico, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to confirm the presence of the applicant agencies in the categories so identified. This was adopted 6 to 0.

Discussion and action by category proceeded as follows:

1. Community-Wide STD Testing and Medical Services: LA Free Clinic, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, GLC The Spot, GLC Sexual Health Clinic. Current funding: \$210,000. Total requests: \$525,470. D'Amico suggested \$250,000. Cislowksi suggested \$275,000 or \$280,000. D'Amico moved \$250,000, seconded by Griffin, passed 5 to 0. (Davis not participating in this category.) Subject to being revisited if more money is available after all categories are funded.

2. Community-Wide Social Services: Bet Tzedek, DRS, Maple Center, SOVA, Van Ness Substance Abuse, WHEST, Women Helping Women. Current funding: \$391,302 (not including Maple Center, because their contract is through Public Safety). Total requests: \$497,501. Davis recommended funding at same level as this year. Griffin agreed. D'Amico said category could use additional funding. Davis said it should be helped if funds are available after other categories. Gratton moved, seconded by Davis, to fund at current level of \$391,302. Passed 5-0, with Cislowksi abstaining.

3. AIDS Services: Aid for AIDS, Being Alive, PAWS/LA, Project Angel Food, Shanti. Current funding: \$259,416. Total requested: \$332,130. Davis moved, seconded by Griffin, to fund at current level of \$259,416. Passed 6 to 0.

4. AIDS Prevention: APLA, Being Alive, City Project, Shanti, GLC WeHo Life, Van Ness education/outreach. Current funding: \$435,417. Total requests: \$576,996. D'Amico suggested \$400,000. Davis suggested funding at current level. Gratton agreed. Changing his recommendation, Davis moved \$400,000, seconded by Griffin, and passed 5 to 1, with Gratton dissenting.

5. Children's Services: CFS, Aviva, Light Up a Library, Psychological Trauma Center. Current funding: \$133,834. Requested funding: \$128,397. Cislowksi suggested \$112,000. Davis and Griffin suggested \$108,211. Gratton suggested staying at current funding. Cislowksi moved \$110,000, friendly-amended by Davis to \$110,211, who then seconded. Passed 5 to 1, with Gratton dissenting.

6. G/L Services: GLC Legal, GLC Mental Health, Rainbow Bridge, Van Ness Residential, LA Shanti/Wendy's Hope. Current funding: \$112,750. Total requested: \$356,561. Davis recommended staying with current funding level, and Griffin, D'Amico agreed. Consensus at \$112,750.

7. Homeless Services: GLC Youth, PATH. Current funding: \$296,891. Total requested: \$354,919. D'Amico suggested \$300,000. Davis suggested \$281,058. Griffin suggested \$251,000. Cislowski suggested \$312,000. Griffin moved \$281,058, seconded by Davis; motion failed 2-4, with Griffin and Davis voting yes. Cislowski moved \$300,000, seconded by D'Amico. Motion passed, 4-2, with Griffin and Davis dissenting.

8. Immigrant Services: CBD College, Russian Community Center. Current funding \$84,792. Requested \$197,382. Griffin moved, seconded by D'Amico, to keep funding at current level. Adopted 6 to 0.

9. Senior Services: ALA, JFS Comprehensive, JFS Nutrition, JFS Partners. Current funding: \$771,916. Total requested: \$771,916. Cislowski moved current funding level, seconded by Gratton. Davis suggested \$840,213 for discussion. With second's consent, Cislowski withdrew the motion. D'Amico suggested \$800,000. Griffin moved, and Gratton seconded, \$800,000, which passed 6 to 0. Commissioners indicated they want the increase to go in the nutrition area.

There was a five-minute break.

Total recommendations by category: \$2,708,471. Total available for programming: \$2,735,046. Recommendations are \$26,575 less than total available.

On a motion by Commissioner Gratton, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and adopted 6 to 0, the Commission adopted the consensus numbers as developed in the preceding process, and decided to discuss what, if anything, to do with the remainder of funding at a later date.

### III. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Mackler will be away on October 8. Commissioner Davis noted he may be late to that meeting.

### IV. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Lloyd Long said a memo from Nancy Beard will update the Commission on Halloween planning soon.

V. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Schedule: There will be a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, in West Hollywood Park Auditorium; and a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, in Plummer Park Community Center Rooms 5 and 6.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Steven L. Davis

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