

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – JULY 26, 2004**  
**PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Ruth Cislowksi at 6:05 p.m., Monday, July 26, 2004, in Rooms 5 and 6 at 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: Ruth Cislowksi, Steven Davis, Ponsella Gratton,  
Charles Henry, Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.

Excused: None.

A quorum was present at all times. There is one vacancy on the Commission. Staff present included Social Services Administrator Daphne Dennis, Diane Kahn-Epstein, David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, and 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 for the meetings of June 8, 2004, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Mackler.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Commissioner Roberts said that Ric Rickles will undergo heart surgery on August 13, and that blood donations are being solicited in his name at Kaiser facilities.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. WOMEN HELPING WOMEN REPORT

Women Helping Women reported that Lauren Schneider, LCSW, began today as program director, and that they are initiating an internship program to improve services in counseling and case management.

B. LA SHANTI REPORT

Cliff Jones, who became executive director of LA Shanti on July 1, provided a brief update of their activities, saying they are recruiting more West Hollywood participants, that they have been through a rough period of transition, and that they intend to weather it and move forward. He said they are trying to educate the community that LA Shanti is more than just part of the history of how people responded to HIV/AIDS a decade ago, but a vital part of the community today.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. LA SHANTI APPEAL FOR CONSIDERATION OF RFP SUBMISSION

Because LA Shanti's proposal to provide social services was received after the established deadline, staff did not open and process it, but preserved it unopened. LA Shanti appealed to the Commission and the City Council, asking for their proposal to be opened and process along with the other proposals.

After discussion of the reasons for lateness, Commissioner Mackler moved to recommend to the City Council that they not accept the late submission. This was seconded by Commissioner Davis, and approved 5 to 0, with Commissioner Roberts abstaining.

B. REVIEW OF RFP SUBMISSIONS FOR 2004-06 SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMMING

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VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Davis received a clarification on how the 2% cost-of-living adjustment will be factored in regarding agencies that are requesting increases, decreases, or the same funding as last year.

Commissioner Gratton said the mayor's reception at The Abbey was an excellent and popular event.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

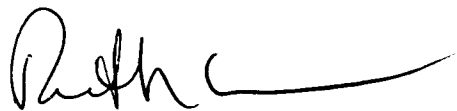
VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

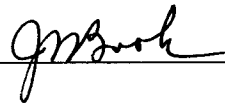
IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m..

By prior action of the Commission, there will be no regular meetings in August. The Commission will hold special meetings on Monday, August 9, and Wednesday, August 11.

Signed:   
Ruth Cislowski

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