

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - JULY 14, 1998
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chairperson Steven Davis at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 1998, in West Hollywood Park Auditorium at 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Davis, Teresa DeCrescenzo, Bob Graney, Pamela Komac,
John Nieto, Shirley Roberts, Renée Rosenfeld
Excused: none
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Thomas R. West, Tamar Springer, Diane Kahn-Epstein, 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. STAFF REPORT

A. SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1998-2000

Daphne Dennis reviewed the process of developing social services funding recommendations, including the community needs assessment, discussion of relative municipal priorities by the City Council, issuance of the request for proposals from qualified agencies, and staff analysis of the submitted proposals.

Although the proposals are for 1998-2000 in concept, the contracts will be for one-year periods, and the Commission and Council will revisit the contracts in 1999 to determine whether to continue them, modify them, or conclude them.

In social services programs, the 1997-98 funding was \$2,768,133. The combined requests for 1998-99 amount to \$4,741,211. Staff recommends funding 32 programs in 1998-99, for a total of \$2,713,000.

With regard to initiatives in the schools, proposals totaling \$84,000 were received, and staff recommends funding five programs in 1998-99 for a total of \$56,000. The source of funding for the school initiatives is separate from the source for social services programs.

Tom West presented recommendations in AIDS programming, reviewed any significant increases (Project Angel Food, Van Ness Recovery House) and decreases (AIDS Project Los Angeles, Being Alive, Los Angeles Shanti Foundation) from previous years, and highlighted three programs recommended for city funding for the first time (AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Project New Hope, and S.T.O.R.E.).

Tamar Springer presented recommendations in Senior Services and reviewed the recommended increase for Jewish Family Services, which proposes to combine the Senior Center, the Board and Care/HUD Outreach Program, and Disability Services in a new Comprehensive Services Program.

Daphne Dennis presented recommendations in Services for Homeless Adults and Youth, including funding reductions (Foundation House, Gay & Lesbian Center's Youth Program) and programs not recommended for funding (LA Youth Network, Metropolitan Community Charities, and PATH).

Diane Kahn-Epstein presented recommendations in Employment Services, including two new programs (CBD College, Project New Hope), as well as the recommendation to fund a new program, Jewish Family Services' Domestic Violence Project.

Daphne Dennis presented recommendations in Children and Resident Youth Programs, including new or expanded programs (STAR After School Enrichment, AVIVA Center After School Enrichment, Rosewood Elementary Counseling Program, Light Up the Library, West Hollywood Elementary After School Enrichment, and Child & Family Services), and programs not recommended for funding (Russian Jewish Community Center, LA Youth Supportive Services).

Staff provided further information about proposed increases for Los Angeles Free Clinic and Van Ness Recovery House, and proposed decreases for Women Helping Women Services, and the Gay & Lesbian Center's Community Outreach and Education program. Staff noted that two currently funded programs (Pets Are Wonderful Support and the Alzheimer's Association) did not submit timely proposals. Both programs said they were prevented by staff turnover.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair opened the floor for comments by persons desiring to address the Commission regarding the Social Services Funding Recommendations. Due to the number of people desiring to speak, the Chair asked speakers to limit themselves to two minutes each.

The following persons addressed the Commission: (1) Dan Fisher, (2) Mark Supper, and (3) Julie Summers, on behalf of Foundation House; (4) Dr. Debra Cherry, on behalf of the Alzheimers's Association; (5) Ruth Linden, (6) Amy Hayutin, (7) Ellie Vera, (8) Rosa Barresi, (9) Lori Karny, and (10) Swati Desai, on behalf of Women Helping Women Services; (11) Cindy Yancey, and (12) Gary Kitt, on behalf of CBD College; (13) Anne Factor, and (14) John Lazar, on behalf of JVS WHEST; (15) Celia Ripke, Principal of Gardner Elementary School.

Continuing with (16) Jeff Bailey, and (17) Thomas Dyer, on behalf of GLC West Hollywood Cares; (18) David Lash, on behalf of Bet Tzedek Legal Services; (19) Ann Worley, associate director of PATH; (20) Rae Mitchell, (21) Joel Schwartz, and (22) Renee Denenfeld, on behalf of Los Angeles Free Clinic; (23) Jed Kenslea, and (24) Martin Finn, on behalf of AIDS Healthcare Foundation; (25) Nadia Sutton, on behalf of PAWS LA; (26) Tamar Gelb, and (27) Hillary Selvin, on behalf of SOVA Food Pantry; (28) Ivy Bottini, a member of the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board, who requested the Commission to consider establishing an in-city meeting space for 12-step programs; (29) Howard Jacobs, on behalf of APLA; (30) Esther Lerner Brenner, on behalf of the Aviva Center.

Also, (31) Napoleon Lustre, on behalf of Being Alive; (32) Terry Goddard, on behalf of Aid for AIDS; (33) Latricia Gavin, on behalf of Child & Family Services; (34) Wilson Raiser, on behalf of Project New Hope; (35) Nigel Crook, on behalf of AHF's WeHo Lounge; (36) Matthew Scelza, (37) Bart Vitek, and (38) Deborah Thomas, on behalf of Dispute Resolution Services; (39) Terri Ford, and (40) Danny King, on behalf of WeHo Lounge; (41) Janet Witkin, on behalf of Alternative Living for the Aging; (42) Carlos Faisan, on behalf of WeHo Lounge; (43) Polina Tsikman, on behalf of the Russian Jewish Community Center; (44) Greg Berry, on behalf of the Shanti Foundation.

As well as, (45) Roger Daughy, (46) Karen Blakeney, (47) Roger Coggan, and (48) DeShawn Latta, on behalf of the Gay & Lesbian Center; (49) Barry Greenfield, a member of the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board, on behalf of developing a meeting space for 12-step programs; (50) John Gile, on behalf of Project Angel Food; (51) Alexandria Gutman, and (52) Annie Lueva, on behalf of the Russian Jewish Community Center; (53) Kathy Watt, (54) Jim Bryan, and (55) David Reiss, on behalf of Van Ness Recovery House; (56) Anna Kwyatkowskaya, (57) Regina Zeltser, and (58) Inna Rogachyoda, on behalf of the Russian Jewish Community Center; (59) Sandra King, on behalf of Jewish Family Services; (60) Helen Levin, on behalf of the Russian Community Center; (61) Marina Alikhanyeen, (62) Gregory Latman.

Then, (63) Mart McChesney, on behalf of Project Angel Food; (64) Carla Cheek, on behalf of GLC Youth Services; (65) Colleen Johnson, on behalf of APLA; (66) Andrew Pospelov, on behalf of Russian Jewish Community Center; (67) Steve Kreizel, on behalf of including concerns of deaf persons who are HIV positive in contracts with social services agencies; (68) Liz Norris, on behalf of the STORE program; (69) Marc Hauptert, (70) Arturo Valencia, (71) John Copeland, (72) Ric Parish, (73) Roger Hoffeimer, and (74) Sheri Lin, on behalf of Los Angeles Shanti Foundation.

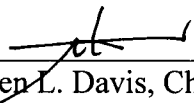
And concluding with, (75) John D'Amico, on behalf of Project Los Angeles; (76) Wesley Ford, on behalf of the STORE program; (77) John Buchin, on behalf of Shanti; (78) Maya Snadow; (79) Boris Krasner; (80) Joan Lindell, on behalf of JFS Senior Center, with (81) Elizabeth Burns, on behalf of Jewish Family Services; (82) Phil Curtis, on behalf of APLA; and (83) Jason Wittmann, on behalf of Los Angeles Youth Supportive Services.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

There will be a special meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 16, 1998, in Plummer Park Hall A, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard. The next regular meeting is at 6 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 1998, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 11, 1998



Steven L. Davis, Chair

Date



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

Date