

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – JULY 9, 2002**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Vice Chair John D’Amico at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 9, 2002, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gratton.

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

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Nancy Beard, Recreation Services Administrator; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Brenda Bunnell, 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 June 11, 2002, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Gratton.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECREATION SERVICES UPDATE

Nancy Beard provided an overview of current recreation activities. Among upcoming events are the book fair and a Russian festival. The farmers' market celebrated its anniversary recently. On July 31, the Special Olympics will be using the West Hollywood Park pool. She discussed the day camp and its admission policies.

Nancy Beard introduced Michael Compton, lead staffer for the teen program at Plummer Park. Newly hired from Redmond, Wash., he helped build a highly successful teen program in Redmond and has ambitious plans for the West Hollywood program, including music, sports, and entertainment components. The program runs Tuesday through Saturday, and is open until 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. He said there is a nice mix of people in the groups.

Nancy Beard introduced Brenda Bunnell, the staff member in overall charge of Plummer Park. She reviewed classroom and computer lab use in the Plummer Park Community Center. The facility is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. A Teen Council is expected to start after school begins. Staff noted that the facility has a van but currently no chauffeur, and that Michael Compton is planning to acquire the necessary license so the van can be used on excursions. It is currently parked at the sheriff's station.

In response to a question from Commissioner Gratton, staff noted that a swimming pool could be constructed if the car wash property adjacent to Plummer Park is acquired for public use. Due to the property size, it would probably be a family-size pool, rather than an Olympic one, although there is consideration of building an Olympic pool on the west side of the city.

Commissioner Davis asked about the ball field at West Hollywood Park, and Nancy Beard said it is too small to be used by leagues, so it's used by informal groups that don't need a larger facility. Lloyd Long said this is being addressed in the park master plan, which will be a topic for commission update in the future.

Commissioner Davis asked about feedback from the pride parade, and staff noted that with 136 entries the parade was quite long. There will be further feedback and exchange of information between the parade organizers and the City Council.

Ed Ahern of the Disabilities Advisory Board asked for the needs of persons with disabilities to be considered in recreation programming and activities. He noted the recreation brochure does not say that programs are open on an equal basis to persons with disabilities, and that persons with disabilities do not need special permission to attend or participate in such programs.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

There were no additional items from the commission.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Lloyd Long said staff will bring an update on the park master plan process.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chris Clarkin, a member of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and a volunteer for the Sheriff's Department, invited commissioners to the department's open house, from noon to 4 p.m. on July 27.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

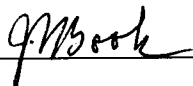
The meeting of August 13 having already been cancelled by action of the Commission, the next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall. Meetings on social services contracts are scheduled for September 24, October 1, October 8, and October 10.

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

Steven L. Davis 

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