

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JUNE 14, 2005
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Steven L. Davis at 6:03 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2005, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was repeated.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Augeri, Steven L. Davis, Ponsella Gratton,
Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.

Not Present: Ruth Cislowski, Charles Henry.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. 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 May 10, 2005, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Mackler, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with Commissioner Gratton abstaining.

III. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Tatiana Rodzinek, liaison to the Russian Advisory Board, invited commissioners to a June 28 reception at Plummer Park, welcoming scientists from the former Soviet Union.

Michael James of Studio City spoke about the “no open container” rule at the recent CSW festival. He said this was difficult for persons who have difficulty with hydration.

Rich Ryan said there were concerns about water bottles being used for distribution and consumption of the drug GHB, and that water was available inside CSW grounds, but not in a prominent location. He will speak with CSW about the subject.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. WHEST PROGRAM

David Kruskall, program supervisor for WHEST, spoke about their current operations. They reached a new high in number of placements last month, and have had great success with the job kiosk on the second floor of City Hall.

B. HIV PREVENTION MONTH

David Giugni said HIV Prevention Month is June in West Hollywood, and reviewed a list of Healthy Pride activities, including an HIV testing focus on June 6-12 and during HIV Testing Week (June 24-28), and increased visibility at CSW, such as inclusion of literature in 400 portable toilets at that event. A town hall forum on crystal methamphetamine is planned for June 29.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. ANTI-VIOLENCE PROGRAMMING

Rich Ryan discussed the City's current anti-violence activities, including "Know Before You Go" posters, to encourage safety in people visiting clubs and bars. Commissioner Augeri mentioned a specific streetlight outage, which will be reported to the city engineer.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Roberts said the City played a very constructive role in the recent strike action at the Hyatt West Hollywood, which ended with a settlement of the dispute between UNITE HERE and a consortium of local hotels, including the Hyatt.

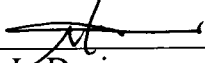
She also reported on the recent brunch of the Jewish Labor Committee.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Lloyd Long said that Council has adopted the new city budget, which includes some increases for prevention programming. The Council also approved the Commission's recommendations regarding allocation of unspent funds.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2005, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

Signed: 
Steven L. Davis

Attest:

