

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JUNE 9, 2009
PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Chuck Henry at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2009, in Rooms 5 and 6 of Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Farmer.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Debra Farmer, Charles Henry, Shirley Roberts, Hywel Sims, Mark Zangrando
Not Present: None.

A quorum was present at all times. City staff members included Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, and Jeff Book.

C. **POSTING OF AGENDA**

The secretary reported 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 form.

II. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the May 12, 2009, meeting were approved.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **MID-YEAR REPORT**

Commissioner Henry gave introductory remarks to the mid-year report on

social services.

Daphne Dennis commented on several questions posed to agencies, including the impact of the economic downturn, whether layoffs or reduced hours were occurring, where there were hiring freezes or lost grants, and how service needs were changing during the downturn. She said decisions being made on the state budget were likely to have an impact on programs, including reductions proposed by the governor. The city's lobbyist is monitoring progress on the state budget.

Commissioner Henry noted that unlike in many mid-year reports, there are currently no recommendations for agencies to go on probation, and commended agencies for this.

The following speakers commented on the mid-year report: 1. Velinda Mackey, Bet Tzedek Legal Services. 2. Susan Alexman, Jewish Family Services. 3. Maribel Ulloa, Aid for AIDS. 4. Tom O'Leary, Project Angel Food. 5. Mike Holtzman, Gay & Lesbian Center. 6. Susan Cohen, Gay & Lesbian Center. 7. Roger Coggan, Gay & Lesbian Center. 8. Drian Juarez, Gay & Lesbian Center. 9. Dustin Kerrone, Gay & Lesbian Center. 10. Simon Costello, Gay & Lesbian Center. 11. Diane Cooper, Gay & Lesbian Center. 12. Matthew Perricano, Rainbow Bridge. 13. Bryan Wilmoth, Rainbow Bridge. 14. Jeff Bailey, AIDS Project Los Angeles. 15. David Kruskall, WHEST. 16. Ann English, PATH. 17. Ava Rose, National Council of Jewish Women. 18. Kathryn Turk, Dispute Resolution Services. 19. Josh Riley, Friends Research Institute. 20. Donzella Lee, Saban Free Clinic.

After a discussion of who would be able to attend the county AIDS planning (OAPP) meeting on June 11, Commissioner Davis moved to authorize Commissioner Henry to attend the meeting on behalf of the Commission and represent the Commission as chair there. This was seconded by Commissioner Sims, and approved without objection.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. SCHEDULING DISCUSSIONS

Daphne Dennis reported that the scheduling conflict for discussions with executive directors of social services agencies has been resolved, and there is no need to amend the calendar. Commissioner Henry asked for the directors to provide information about changes in state and federal funding for their agencies.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Commissioner Zangrando noted Friday is the Dyke March, and spoke about the groundbreaking for the new West Hollywood Library.

Commissioner Farmer thanked agencies for persevering in the face of the budget crisis and the uncertainty of funding.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the new Library project, and noted that at his very first Commission meeting he had also discussed the library and the parks.

Commissioner Cislowski spoke about the Library groundbreaking.

Commissioner Sims spoke about the city's commitment to quality of life, about a concert to be held at Fairfax High School on June 11, and about development of Fiesta Hall as a theatre space.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis reported on the upcoming Pride weekend of events, including the CSW parade. David Giugni will be rolling out the next HIV prevention campaign and women's safer sex kits will be provided as a joint project with the Lesbian Visibility Committee and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board. She also reported on the re-registration of seniors for transportation services, and about a class on conversion to digital TV to be held June 12 in the Senior Lounge.

David Giugni spoke about the fifth year of HIV testing plans for Pride weekend.

Leslie Isenberg noted May was Senior Month, and reported on the luncheon, health fair, televised Senior Advisory Board meeting, and the Senior Moments publication.

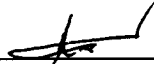
VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Signed: _____


Steven L. Davis

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