

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - MAY 12, 1998
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

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, May 12, 1998, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Curtis Brown, Jr., Recreation Services Administrator; Beth Sazama, Chris Worland, and Aron Sumii of the Recreation Staff; 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 April 14, 1998, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Graney.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. UPDATE FROM WEST HOLLYWOOD CARES

Thomas Dyer reported that July will be Crystal Meth Awareness Month, and that the program recently had an advertisement featured in Circuit Noize, a publication reaching an important section of the target population.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECREATION DIVISION REPORTS

Curtis Brown, Jr., Recreation Services Administrator, who returned from the CPRS meeting in San Francisco today, introduced Aron Sumii, a longtime staff member who has recently become a Senior Recreation Leader. Aron said he looks forward to working with the Commission from his post at Plummer Park.

Beth Sazama, special events specialist, discussed the 1998 Summer Sounds series, which begins June 7 at the PDC amphitheatre, and concludes on Aug. 23 with Les Brown's Band of Renown. Two grants, acquired with the help of Trudy Goodwin, are assisting with program funding this year.

Curtis Brown, Jr., noted that the Certified Farmers Market had been renamed in honor of Helen Albert this week, and the Senior Advisory Board is dedicating a plaque in memory of Ms. Albert at 4 p.m. on May 13.

Chris Worland distributed drafts of the next Recreation Brochure, which will be published in about 26,000 copies, with a publication date of June 9, covering activities from July through December 1998.

The third Teen Summit will be held June 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Plummer Park, featuring a Job Fair theme. These summits are vehicles to hear the ideas and interests of young people.

Recreation staff will conduct its summer training on Wednesday, June 17, with two speakers.

Commissioner Rosenfeld thanked Aron Sumii, Chris Worland, and others for their work on the Yom Hashoa event in Plummer Park, which drew about 350 people this year, and continues to improve. Commissioner Graney noted that recreational services are consistently rated highly in community surveys.

B. MID-YEAR REPORTS ON SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Daphne Dennis presented the mid-year reports, noting that progress toward annual goals should be at 40-60 percent at this time. No programs are on provisional status at this time, but staff recommended that GLC COED, Women Helping Women, and Being Alive's HIV Day Program be placed on probation for the next six months.

The Commission welcomed comments from a number of representatives of social services agencies, including Dan Fisher of Foundation House Transitional Group, who updated on the cold/wet weather shelter situation; Roger Tansy, new

executive director of Aid for AIDS; Napoleon Lustre, executive director of Being Alive; Helen Levin, Russian Community Center; Andrea Wagner, who is departing as director of the WHEST program for JVS; Kathy Watt of Van Ness Recovery House; Tamar Gelb, of SOVA Food Pantry; Roger Daughy of GLC; and Bev Miller of Dispute Resolution Services.

Commissioners requested the agencies being placed on probation to provide them with monthly updates during the six-month probation period. With that proviso, the staff recommendation was approved unanimously, on a motion by Commissioner DeCrescenzo, seconded by Commissioner Rosenfeld.

Daphne suggested the Commission think about meeting twice in July, once to hear public comment on the social services RFP's, and once to make contract decisions. The regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, so the second meeting was set for 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 16.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. SOCIAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

There were no meetings this month. The subcommittee will meet soon with regard to proposals for social services contracts.

B. LIAISONS

1. CHAIRS MEETING
There was no report.
2. HIV/AIDS & CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION (LIFE LOBBY)
Bob Graney reported that Life Lobby is being reorganized as GALE (Gay & Lesbian Equality), a new 501(c)(3)-qualified organization, which will continue with its lobbying mission. The Life Institute continues.
3. LA COUNTY HRMAC
HRMAC is holding its next hate-crime summit tomorrow, May 13.
4. PARTNERS ADHC
There was no additional report on Partners.
5. RECREATION
There was no additional report on Recreation.
6. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
The topic raised by the DAB in a recent memorandum, dealing with the design and usefulness of parks to persons with disabilities, will be placed

on the June agenda. Members of DAB will be invited to attend.

7. LESBIAN & GAY ADVISORY BOARD
LGAB will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, at City Hall.
8. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
SAB will meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, at Fiesta Hall.

Commissioner Davis requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Andrea Wagner upon her departure as coordinator of WHEST for JVS.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

The July 14 meeting will be televised on the city's cable channel.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

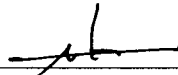
There were no additional items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

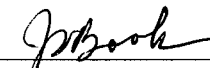
The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 1998, in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood.

MINUTES APPROVED JULY 14, 1998



Steven L. Davis, Chair

Date



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

Date