

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – APRIL 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 Chair Peter Mackler at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 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, Peter Mackler  
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; Tom West, 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

Minutes of the March 12, 2002, meeting were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Gratton.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dylan Gailey of the Gay & Lesbian Center reported briefly on budget reductions and resulting reorganization. Garrison Smith is no longer with the Center, and Dylan is now director of youth services.

Commissioner Mackler read a message to the Commission from Garrison Smith.

#### IV. SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING PROCESS

Jeff Book provided a brief summary of the Brown Act with regard to communications among Commission members, and open deliberation on public business.

The Commission discussed their role under the Brown Act, and how this affects the sequence of information and input in the social services programming process. They asked for the Gay & Lesbian Center to provide further information at the next regular meeting regarding its budget reductions and reorganization, and for the next agenda to include a review of the Commission's joint study session with the Council.

The Commission discussed the role of the chair in the process, and then turned to how to participate in the funding cycle.

Items identified for discussion with Council at the joint study session were differences in the funding process this year, and seeking a signal from the Council regarding anticipated funding level for social services.

A special meeting was scheduled for April 23, to examine priorities for social services programming.

The Commission anticipates four meetings for review of proposals. The first meeting would consist of a review by staff of each proposal, and an opportunity for the Commission to engage in dialogue with applicant agencies and seek answers to specific questions about the proposals. At the second meeting the Commission would present its recommendations for Social Services programming. At the third meeting staff would present its recommendations, and the Public Hearing would be held. At the fourth meeting the Commission would make final recommendations to the City Council.

#### V. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further items from the public.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

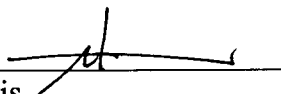
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Matthew Shepherd, the young actor who hosted the city's Halloween festivities for the last few years.

There will be a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23. The next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2002.

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Signed:

Steven L. Davis



Attest:

