

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2007
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Steven L. Davis at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2007, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Augeri.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Augeri, Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Charles Henry,
Shirley Roberts, Hywel Sims.

Not Present: Debra Farmer.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff members 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

Minutes of the March 13, 2007, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Cislowski, seconded by Commissioner Augeri.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rodney Scott of Christopher Street West invited commissioners to attend this year's festival as guests of CSW. The theme, for the second year in a three-year emphasis, is "Our Agenda: Love, Equality, Pride." Grand Marshal is John Amaechi; Morris Kight Lifetime Achievement recipient is Ivy Bottini; and there will be a community award to the Tweakers Project.

Bruce Robertson, City staff member, said he will contact commissioners to note RSVPs for attending the festival.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. TWEAKERS PROJECT

Jimmy Palmieri discussed the Tweakers Project, which is putting together a DVD regarding crystal methamphetamine. He distributed a packet of information and showed a 2-minute trailer. The film will be available at the Pride Festival, and a screening at the Pacific Design Center is planned.

On a motion by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Sims, the Commission voted to endorse the importance of the project in a letter indicating the importance of education in responding to this issue, which has been a scourge across the country.

B. L.A. GAY & LESBIAN CENTER TRANSGENDER OUTREACH AND EMPLOYMENT

Tripp Mills provided a handout including materials and press coverage of the program, and introduced Lynn Bridges, who is running the program. There will be a job fair on May 5. Lynn Bridges said the program is receiving strong support from the Center, the community, and many employers. The program was featured on KPFK's IMRU program this week.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. SENIOR MONTH ACTIVITIES

Leslie Isenberg reported on the many activities planned for Senior Month, including the Awards Luncheon on May 2, the Health Fair on May 16, and the Senior Advisory Board meeting and reception on May 23. There is also a lecture series on May 8 and May 22.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Cislowski attended the city-sponsored screening of "Shut Up and Sing," which included a panel discussion.

Commissioners Cislowski and Farmer met with David Giugni, and will make a report to an upcoming meeting on a recommendation for processing funds that are available for reprogramming.

Commissioner Augeri attended the Senior Advisory Board.

Commissioner Davis has been attending the HIV provider and legal services provider meetings.

Commissioner Henry asked for a calendar of provider meetings, so commissioners can attend additional groups if they are available.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Lloyd Long thanked commissioners for their support while his son, Harrison, was in Iraq.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

Signed: _____


Steven L. Davis

Attest:

