

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – APRIL 12, 2005
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Ruth Cislowski at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2005, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Gratton.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Augeri, Ruth Cislowski, Ponsella Gratton,
Charles Henry, Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.
Excused: Steven Davis.

A quorum was present at all times. Commissioners Augeri joined the meeting in progress, due to an error in the meeting location stated on the agenda. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; 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 March 15, 2005, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Mackler, seconded by Commissioner Henry.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tripp Mills of the WeHo Life program reported on their current activities and condom distribution figures. More than 8,000 packets were distributed in March, and 16 people were recruited for community mobilization.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH LA SHANTI FOUNDATION

David Giugni reported that Social Services staff is not recommending further funding for LA Shanti Foundation after April 30, 2005, but will continue to be available to Shanti staff for consultation and other assistance as appropriate.

Jackie Welter and Sharon Collins of Shanti discussed major changes that have occurred in the agency recently, and thanked City staff and commissioners for their support of the organization over many years.

Commissioner Mackler moved to support the staff recommendation, with an expression of gratitude to Shanti and its staff for their constructive service over many years. This was seconded by Commissioner Gratton and approved unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES

Leslie Isenberg reported the City Council's decision to restore full enforcement of encroachments on public rights of way. Commissioner Henry said he was delighted with this action, and stressed the importance of including the needs of persons with disabilities in city decisions. He would like frequent updates on this enforcement, including information on how many violations are cited. Staff will recommend frequency of reports.

Commissioner Augeri provided photographs of right-of-way access along La Cienega Boulevard, where parts of some walkways are only 19 inches wide.

B. CRYSTAL METH TOWN HALL FORUMS

David Giugni reported on the second town hall forum on crystal methamphetamine, held recently with Mayor John Duran presiding, and panelists including Michaeljohn Horne, Chi Chi LaRue, DJ Roland Belmares, Ken Harwood, Morgan Sommers, and Jack Ryan.

A third forum will be held Wednesday, June 29, regarding spirituality and mental health, also with Duran presiding.

C. SENIOR MONTH ACTIVITIES

Leslie Isenberg distributed the calendar of events for senior month and the health fair, including information about the awards luncheon, televising of Senior Advisory Board, and the county's honor of Commissioner Gratton.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Henry asked how many people work in code enforcement, and Lloyd Long said there were 4 or 5 in this area. He will speak with them regarding enforcement.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF


The secretary apologized for having the wrong street address for the meeting on the distributed agendas.

Kids Fairs continue in West Hollywood Park, and on Monday, Apr. 18, the City's next mayor will be installed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. in honor of Commissioner Gratton, and in memory of Felipe Perez, father of labor leader John A. Perez.

The next regular meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2005, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

Signed: 
Ruth Cislowski

Attest:

