

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - MARCH 10, 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 6:05 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 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, Pamela Komac,
John Nieto, Renée Rosenfeld
Excused: Shirley Roberts
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Tom West, Social Services Program Specialist; and Larissa Fooks.

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 special meeting of February 7, 1998 and the meeting of February 10, 1998, were approved by consensus on a motion by Commissioner Graney, seconded by Commissioner Komac. Commissioner Rosenfeld requested that summary notes from the Retreat be provided in addition to the minutes.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RFP DOCUMENT

Daphne Dennis gave a brief overview of the RFP document. It has been sent to all agencies ever funded by the City. She asked the Commission for any additional names or agencies to distribute it to. Modifications and changes to this

years RFP document were noted. The Commission reviewed the RFP and asked questions. It was suggested that language about contracting with agencies that provide domestic partnership benefits be added. Daphne Dennis will see if this is possible at this time and report back. Commissioner DeCrescenzo made a motion to approve the RFP document and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Nieto. The motion passed 6-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Rosenfeld reported on the Sheriff's Conference Committee meeting. The issue of gay-on-gay crime in the community was discussed. She suggested creating an outreach type program modeled after the DSSN program, that could be developed by the Public Safety Commission. The Holocaust Remembrance --Yom Hashoah -- has been scheduled for April 19 at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Komac mentioned concerns regarding contract compliance at the Center, after some discussion with Stephanie Farrington-Domingue at the DSSN event . The Commission briefly discussed revisiting the issues. It was requested that the Center return next month with a progress report. Daphne Dennis stated that the Center will not receive any funds until the program and staffing for the program are in place to the City's satisfaction.

A. SOCIAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

There were no meetings this month.

B. LIAISONS

1. CHAIRS MEETING

Commissioner Davis reported the Chairs Meeting. The Rent Stabilization Commission recently attended a joint meeting in Berkeley. The Public Facilities Commission is working on the Kings Road Park. The Transportation Commission is working on moving bollards to Sunset Blvd. to discourage the blocking of driveways; the Senior Advisory Board expressed concerns about the Ralph's on Fairfax and Santa Monica Blvd. closing, and meeting quorum issues. The Disabilities Advisory Board has a new member, Ruth Cislowski.

2. HIV/AIDS & CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION (LIFE LOBBY)

Commissioner Graney distributed Legislative updates to the Commission and announced that this year's AIDS Lobby Day is April 20th.

3. LA COUNTY HRMAC

There was no additional report on HRMAC.

4. PARTNERS ADHC

There was no additional report on Partners.

5. RECREATION

There was no additional report on Recreation.

6. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

SAB is concerned about security coverage at the Senior Center.

7. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Komac reported. DAB has several housing goals. Commissioner Komac expressed concerns about the Board "spinning their wheels" on goals that maybe out of reach.

8. LESBIAN & GAY ADVISORY BOARD

There was no additional report on LGAB.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There was no additional items from staff.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Thomas Dyer gave a brief report on "DSSN Week" and the reception at Mickey's, on Thursday, Feb. 19. Sixty-six new members were signed-up in the past month. He distributed DSSN campaign samples to the Commissioners.


Caryn Blankley, Director of Youth Services at the Gay and Lesbian Center, distributed an update report on the youth Services Department. They are currently requiring for the deputy director for youth services . The Shelter has been under renovation for the last 8 weeks. A new job employment program "work it" has begun and they are starting an

annual fund-raiser that will be organized by the youth council so the youth can learn fundraising and management skills. They are planning to implement a new case-tracking system similar to the one used by APLA.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, 1998, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Signed: 

Steven L. Davis

Attest: