

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2001**  
**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 Teresa DeCrescenzo at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2001, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present: Ruth Cislowski, John D'Amico, Steven Davis, Teresa DeCrescenzo, Dr. Bill Griffin, Shirley Roberts  
Excused: Peter Mackler  
Absent: none

The Secretary reported that Commissioner Mackler may not attend due to a car accident. A quorum was present at all times. Commissioner Cislowski joined the meeting in progress. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Curtis Brown, Jr., Recreation Services Administrator; 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. Without objection, the agenda was amended to provide for an item from a Commissioner next.

RECOGNITION

Commissioner Roberts introduced Rodney Scott and Hillary Selvin, who led efforts against Proposition 1-A, an initiative for mandatory condom distribution, on the recent city ballot. Appreciation for their work was expressed. Ms. Selvin thanked the Commission for opposing the initiative as well.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the February 13, 2001, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Roberts.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST DISCUSSION

Rodney Scott provided an update on Christopher Street West's preparations for the Pride Festival planned for June 16-17, 2001, in light of Council's request for procedural changes in how the festival is organized and implemented.

Commissioner DeCrescenzo asked how quickly changes were being accomplished, and whether this would be quick enough to meet Council's concerns. Commissioner Davis inquired about past grant recipients, about how the process worked at that time, and about how it works now. Commissioner asked for clarification on whether CSW exists primarily to sponsor an event or raise funds, and suggested that perhaps for-profit companies that participate in the event could be required to pair up with non-profits to help accomplish the festival's charitable goals.

Curtis Brown said the City will review the current operation to see whether it is accomplishing the goals established for it.

Dan Levy, a CSW board member, was introduced.

IV. B. DISCUSSION OF RFP PROCESS

Daphne Dennis invited discussion of the upcoming "request for proposals" process for social service programs.

Commissioner Cislowski suggested changing the first public meeting of the review so that the Commission could ask more questions, instead of simply listening to formal presentations by the agencies.

Commissioner DeCrescenzo asked whether agencies could be invited to inform the Commission one by one during the course of the year, rather than all at once in a single meeting, and Daphne Dennis said this could be accomplished, perhaps by grouping the agencies by service type.

C. GRANTS IN THE SCHOOLS

Daphne Dennis reviewed the status of this program.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. LIAISONS

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION -- Lloyd Long reported that rain has interfered with the Senior Center construction project, but that it is going well, and that an opening is tentatively scheduled for late May.

Commissioners inquired about changing the bylaws to provide that public comment would be at the beginning of the meeting.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no further items from staff.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Trip Mills gave the February condom distribution report for West Hollywood Life.

Kelly Landis addressed the Commission regarding requiring contracted social service agencies to participate in alternative dispute resolution, and to provide for independent auditing. He also spoke about a voucher system for AIDS service provision, and a need for discussion of alternative models of AIDS pathogenesis.

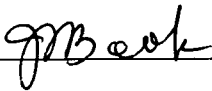
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Signed:   
Steven L. Davis

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