

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – MARCH 13, 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, March 13, 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 Nancy Beard.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Augeri, Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Debra Farmer, Hywel Sims.

Not Present: Charles Henry, Shirley Roberts.

A quorum was present at all times. Commissioner Cislowski joined the meeting in progress. Staff members present included Nancy Beard, Recreation Services Administrator; Michael Compton, Marisela Labrado, Liz Tran, Chris Worland, 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 February 13, 2007, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Farmer, seconded by Commissioner Sims.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kathryn Turk of Dispute Resolution Services invited commissioners to observe one of the agency's mediations. Commissioners may contact her to schedule.

Daniel Mustent of West Hollywood Caregiver's Group, discussed actions taken against his business by drug enforcement officials.

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### A. UPDATE ON RECREATION PROGRAMS

Nancy Beard provided the update on current recreation programs and plans, along with some of the staff who carry out the programs in the parks and other venues of the city.

Chris Worland spoke about the tennis program, which is considering new approaches to reach people who do not want a traditional tennis class schedule. A tennis tournament is planned for August, and the Lynn Front Tennis Camp for youth is also coming up. He also noted that the West Hollywood Book Fair received a major award from the California Parks & Recreation Society this year.

Michael Compton spoke about family programming at West Hollywood Park, including the Tiny Tots program, sports training, and winter, spring, and summer day camps. He also spoke about dance and acting classes, the summer talent show, the Movies in the Park program, student art activities, and plans for working with local schools.

Liz Tran spoke about the variety of programs at Plummer Park, including teen activities, a teen dance, and the city's series of excursions, which has a large waiting list. She also spoke about the Norwich community garden. There was discussion about the need for parking, and the impact of homeless persons on the use of the park.

Commissioner Davis spoke about possibly having a joint meeting with the Public Facilities Commission, or inviting Sam Baxter, the Facilities and Landscape Manager, to speak to the Commission about current issues in facilities.

Marisela Labrado spoke about the city's pool programs, including group swimming lessons in the summer, "parent and me" classes, and private lessons, which are very popular. She spoke about the Gators, the youth swim team for ages 5 to 18; about lifeguard development; and about working with swimmers with disabilities.

Nancy Beard spoke about the youth summer employment program for ages 14 to 18, which hires young people to help with the day camp program. Many go on to work for the division in later years. She also spoke about the many special events that the Recreation Division produces or assists.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

With regard to commissioners meeting with agency groups, Commissioner Davis will continue to meet with the HIV provider group, while Commissioner Sims will meet with the Homeless provider group.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Harrison Long is expected home this week from Iraq.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items.


IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

Signed:   
Steven L. Davis

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