

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 14, 2006
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, February 14, 2006, in the Community Conference Room of City Hall, at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Augeri.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Augeri, Steven L. Davis, Charles Henry,
Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.

Not Present: Ruth Cislowski.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff 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

A motion to approve the minutes for January 10, 2006, was made by Commissioner Mackler, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and approved, with Commissioner Henry abstaining.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Trip Oldfield of Being Alive reported that after three years, Demetri Moshoyannis has left his position as executive director of that organization, and accepted a similar position with Folsom Street Events in San Francisco. Being Alive is conducting a search for a new executive director.

Marina Berkman of the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center invited commissioners to a celebration of the 20-year partnership between JFS and the City of

West Hollywood, to be held at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 9, in Room 6 of the Plummer Park Community Center. Printed invitations will be forthcoming.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. AGENCY REPORTS

Neil Aves reported on AHF's mobile STD testing program for December 2005, and distributed a chart identifying the numbers for that period.

Mickie Robbins and Jason Roundy reported on APLA's performance during the December 2005 period. They also reported a very successful forum that was held in conjunction with Being Alive.

Tripp Mills, who had reported last month that he was planning to leave his position at the Center, said he has had a change of plans and is remaining in that role for now. He presented the condom distribution report for January, and said that a number of new activities are being conducted in February.

B. REPROGRAMMING CONTRACT SAVINGS FROM 2004-2005

Daphne Dennis reported that there is \$44,858 in contract savings from the 2004-2005 period. Staff is recommending that \$10,000 of this be set aside for the urgent services fund, leaving \$34,858 for programming, which could be chosen in a variety of ways.

After discussion, Commissioner Henry moved to prioritize up to \$10,000 for the JFS urgent needs, and to roll the balance into the process for 2006-2008 social services contracts, to be used according to the priorities adopted during that process, and with new contracts containing an incentivized process for agencies to compete for rollover funds from Year 1 to Year 2 of the contract. This was seconded by Commissioner Mackler and approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. RFP PROCESS AND CALENDAR FOR 2006-2008 SOCIAL SERVICES

Daphne Dennis presented a proposed calendar for the Request for Proposals and adoption of social services contracts for 2006-2008. The proposed calendar is:

March 14, 2006	Regular Meeting: Review results of the community study and hold Commission study session with Board Chairs
March 28, 2006	Special Meeting: Public Hearing on priorities
April 11, 2006	Regular Meeting: Priorities discussion, Review of RFP document, and recommendation to release RFP
April 17, 2006	City Council priorities discussion, approval to release RFP
April 19, 2006	Release RFP; hold bidder's conference
May 9, 2006	Regular Commission Meeting

May 19, 2006	Proposals due
June 13, 2006	Regular Commission Meeting
June 27, 2006	Special Meeting: Review proposals with applicants
July 11, 2006	Regular Mtg: Staff recommendation and public hearing
July 13, 2006	Special Meeting: Commission recommendations
Aug. or Sept.	City Council action on 2006-2008 contracts

The schedule was adopted by consensus. Commissioner Henry recommended starting the March 28 and June 27 meetings at 5:00 p.m., rather than 6:00 p.m., because they tend to be long meetings.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Mackler said he attended the service for Betty Berzon, a pioneer in gay and lesbian equality, and partner of former Commissioner Teresa DeCrescenzo. A public memorial will be held soon.

Commissioner Mackler also said he attended Stonewall Democratic Club's Stoney Awards, at which Jeff Book was named member of the year.

Commissioner Augeri said the community forum on local needs was very successful. Daphne Dennis reported that the wall charts created at the meeting are on display in the City Hall lobby.

Commissioner Mackler said he will be going to Israel for two weeks, and returning on March 2.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis said that a needle disposal program is now available at three local pharmacies.

She also reported on the Valentine's event for seniors, which was coordinated by Corey Roskin and Leslie Isenberg.

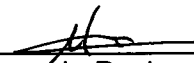
VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. in memory of Betty Berzon.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2006, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Signed: 
Steven L. Davis

Attest: