

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – FEBRUARY 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, February 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 Commissioner Augeri.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Not Present: Charles Henry.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff members present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Craig Rhea, 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. INSTALLATION OF COMMISSIONER

The oath of office was administered to Hywel W. Sims, who was declared installed as a new commissioner. Councilmember John Duran and former Commissioner Peter Mackler spoke about Commissioner Sims, and the entire Commission and staff welcomed him.

III. MINUTES

Minutes of the January 11, 2007, meeting were approved by consensus, with Commissioner Augeri noting that he should be listed on the hunger subcommittee along with Commissioner Henry.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public at this time.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

Daphne Dennis presented the year-end report on social services programs, noting changes in status such as the removal from probation of Dispute Resolution Services, due to improvements in performance, as well as some programmatic changes, such as the HIV program at the Gay & Lesbian Center.

The following speakers were recognized: 1. Susan Alexman, Jewish Family Services. 2. Tiffany Horton, Gay & Lesbian Center. 3. David Kruskall, WHEST/Jewish Vocational Services. 4. Kathryn Turk, Dispute Resolution Services. 5. Tara Brown, PATH. 6. Ann English, PATH. 7. Silvia Gutierrez, PATH. 8. Gerald Chastain, PATH. 9. Robert Sterner, PATH. 10. Jeff Bailey, AIDS Project Los Angeles. 11. Donzella Lee, Los Angeles Free Clinic. 12. Alton Carswell, Weholife.org.

Commissioner Farmer said she was glad to see that the reports contained more than numbers, and that stories about the impact of the programs were present.

Staff assignments regarding current agencies were reviewed. David Giugni is working with legal, food, nutrition, and mental health agencies, and APLA. Craig Rhea is working with Aid for AIDS, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Being Alive, Partners, WHEST, GLC Health, WeHo Life, PAWS, Russian Community Center, and Van Ness Recovery House. Leslie Isenberg is working with JFS, PATH, Women Helping Women, and programs for children and families.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. SENIOR SAVINGS PROGRAM

Craig Rhea reported on the senior savings program sponsored by the City, and said that a final version of the materials should be available later this month. There was discussion of how businesses were contacted, and whether a Russian version of the materials will be available. Commissioner Davis asked for Out of the Closet to be included in the program.

B. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION INITIATIVE

David Giugni reported on the Supplemental Nutrition Initiative that has been developed as part of the "End Hunger in West Hollywood" program. The initiative includes distribution of emergency food packets.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioners Augeri and Cislowski attended the Snow Day in the park. Commissioner Augeri also reported the presence of 32 shopping carts in front of 959 Palm.

Commissioner Davis said his neighborhood, on Hayworth, is witnessing lots of dog waste on the streets. He also reported on the chairs meeting, including items from the public safety and transportation commissions.

Commissioner Farmer spoke about the safety of the crosswalk at Koo Koo Roo, where pedestrians are not sufficiently visible to traffic.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

The annual Valentine's Dance will be held tomorrow, with the assistance of the Social Services Division.

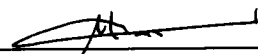
IX. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items.

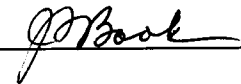
X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. in memory of Steve Weltman, former president of Stonewall Democratic Club.

The next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

Signed:   
Steven L. Davis

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