

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2000
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 Shirley Roberts at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2000, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was present at all times. Commissioners DeCrescenzo, Cislowski, and D’Amico joined the meeting in progress. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Curtis Brown, Jr., Recreation Services Administrator; Chris Worland, Dan Laray, 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings of January 11, 2000, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Mackler. Commissioner Roberts abstained.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Richard Stone, Deputy District Attorney and candidate for Beverly Hills Municipal Court Judge in the March 7 primary, addressed the Commission and distributed information on his candidacy.

A. GLC MENTAL HEALTH, STD CLINIC, AND YOUTH

The GLC mental health, STD clinic, and youth services programs had been invited to provide a monthly update on their activities. Dylan Gailey, deputy director of GLC youth services, provided the update for that program, noting activities during the past month. Representatives from the other programs were not present, and staff will contact them about this.

Jeff Kim of the GLC legal program thanked the Commission for their continuing support of that program.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES

Curtis Brown, Jr., provided a general overview of Recreation Services activities in recent weeks, and then introduced Chris Worland, who reviewed revenue and participation figures at Farmers' Market, and the continuing expansion of the Community Gardens program under Shirley Berry.

Chris Worland reviewed the new recreation brochure, covering the first six months of 2000 and progress on pool facility improvements. He noted that Council has commended two players in the city's tennis programs, one of whom, Jessica Roland, is now rated #1 in the nation in the category of 18 and younger, and has received a tennis scholarship to Texas A&M University.

Curtis Brown introduced Dan Laray, the City's new festival and special events specialist, who comes to us from the City of Beverly Hills. Laray provided an overview of upcoming special events, including: Angels Amidst, February 16 at the Hyatt; Grammy Awards, February 23, including a party by BMG; Fat Tuesday, March 7; and the Academy Awards, March 26, including parties by Vanity Fair (Morton's), In Style (Pagani's), and the Hollywood Stock Exchange (House of Blues). He said a new event, a Family Health Fair, is being co-sponsored by the Recreation and Social Services divisions on May 13. Following that will be the Pride Festival and Parade, scheduled for June 9-11 and produced by Christopher Street West. The Summer Sounds program is again planned for the summer.

Commissioner Davis said that in light of previous controversy over the selection of Angels Amidst honorees, special attention should be paid to following neutral and independent procedures. He asked why the Commission had not been notified of the rescheduling of the event from December to February. Curtis Brown and Lloyd Long said the date had been changed to avoid stacking the event too closely to Halloween and other year-end holiday activities, and apologized for not discussing the change with Commission.

Commissioner DeCrescenzo noted a difference in the attention given to using independent judges for the Angels Amidst awards, while this is not done for evaluation of social services proposals.

Commissioner Roberts noted that Fat Tuesday, March 7, falls on the day of California's statewide primary election, and asked that this be considered in plans for events that day.

Curtis Brown presented information about Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, also known as the Villaraigosa-Keeley Act. The measure calls for \$2.1 billion for parks and other projects, and the City of West Hollywood stands to receive at least \$473,000 on a per capita basis, plus any funds that can be gained in competition with other cities. The City Council has endorsed passage of Proposition 12.

Commissioner Davis moved, and Commissioner Cislowski seconded, to endorse passage of Proposition 12. This was adopted unanimously.

Curtis Brown noted that he is completing his year as president of the California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS), which will hold its annual conference in Ontario on March 15-18, with Maya Angelou as the guest speaker. He invited Commissioners to attend the conference, and thanked the Commission and Lloyd Long for their support during his service as CPRS president.

Lloyd Long said that Council on February 7 approved the contract with RJM Design Group, Inc., to conduct a Recreation Needs Assessment for the city. Commissioners will be consulted and included in the process.

B. RFP RATING SYSTEM

Social Services Administrator Daphne Dennis was unable to attend the meeting, so this item was postponed until next month. Commissioner Cislowski verified that the item is not going to the Council in the meantime.

Commissioner DeCrescenzo reiterated her interest in improving the software used to analyze the forthcoming social services needs assessment. She asked that a discussion of needs assessment methodology be placed on the next agenda, including the possibility of inviting Jacqueline McCroskey to meet with the Commission on this topic. Commissioner Cislowski also spoke highly of Jacqueline McCroskey's credentials in this area.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. LIAISONS

1. CHAIRS MEETING

Commissioner Roberts missed this meeting due to the city's failure to provide notice, but this has been rectified with the Clerk's office, and should not recur.

2. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

No additional report.

3. LESBIAN & GAY ADVISORY BOARD

No additional report.

4. PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION

The commission meets tomorrow.

5. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Roberts said that the last meeting was a large event attended by service providers. Plans have been made for a May 7 intergenerational event at Plummer Park, featuring the Los Angeles Childrens' Dance Theatre.

She said the Senior Advisory Board had discussed getting information on the March 7 ballot measures, and that she has arranged for a League of Women Voters representative to address the Board at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23.

6. PARTNERS / ADHC

This meeting will be held next week.

7. AIDS EDUCATION

No further report.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

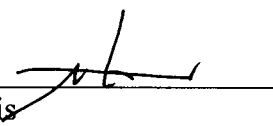
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m., in memory of Joel Heurtebise, partner of Frontiers magazine publisher Bob Craig; Maurice Call of Palm Springs, an AIDS activist who managed a statewide e-mail list; and Margaret Ferraro, wife of Los Angeles City Councilman John Ferraro.

The next regular meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

Signed: _____

Steven L. Davis



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