

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - FEBRUARY 10, 1998
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 Steven Davis at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 1998, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Davis, Teresa DeCrescenzo, Bob Graney, Pamela Komac,
John Nieto, Renée Rosenfeld
Excused: Shirley Roberts
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Tom West, Social Services Program Specialist; 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

The minutes of the meetings of January 13, 1998, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Rosenfeld, seconded by Commissioner Graney.

Minutes of the special meeting of February 7, 1998, were not yet available.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. UPDATE FROM WEST HOLLYWOOD CARES

Thomas Dyer introduced his new co-worker, Paul Joseph, and distributed to Commissioners a report outlining demographics and methodology for the DSSN

program. He reported that their survey of members showed 81 percent crediting the program with helping them to maintain safer sexual behavior. By proclamation of the Mayor, the week of Feb. 14-21 will be “DSSN Week” in West Hollywood, featuring a reception at Mickey’s, 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19, to which Commissioners will be invited. Thomas also reported that they have commissioned artist John Planas to help design their next media campaign.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT SAVINGS

Daphne Dennis reported that \$11,235 in savings are available for reprogramming at this time. Various possible uses for the money were discussed, including the West Hollywood Senior Center, Van Ness Recovery House, the Sheriff’s Activity League, PAWS, JFS Nutrition’s home-delivered meals program, Project Angel Food, after-school tutoring programs, and one-time capital expenditures.

Joan Lindell, director of the Senior Center, discussed their desire to increase the hours of their security guard from 25 per week to full-time.

Commissioners discussed the pros-and-cons of the options, including whether there may be alternate ways of meeting some of the concerns, and, pending the Needs Assessment Report, what seems to be the most pressing need of the community.

Commissioner Graney moved that the \$11,235 be used to expand the contract with Van Ness Recovery House to provide for an additional full-time counselor in their outpatient treatment program, which focuses on substance abuse, particularly of crystal methamphetamine.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenfeld, and unanimously approved.

Lloyd Long will discuss the Senior Center security question with the City Manager, to see if there are other ways to respond.

B. PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR NEEDS ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACTING

Daphne Dennis presented the draft timeline for the needs assessment review and social services contracting process, opening with submission of the RFP to the Commission on March 10 and to the Council on March 16; distribution of information on the RFP orientation meeting on April 1; submission of the needs assessment report to the Commission on April 14-16, and to the Council on

April 20; orientation meeting and public release of the RFP on April 22; deadline of May 29 for responses; staff analysis of responses during June; and submission of funding recommendations to the Commission in July, and to the Council not later than August 3. Negotiations of specific contract terms would follow upon Council approval of the contract concepts.

This report was received and filed.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. SOCIAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

There were no meetings this month.

B. LIAISONS

1. CHAIRS MEETING

Commissioner Davis reported the Chairs Meeting was not held this month.

2. HIV/AIDS & CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION (LIFE LOBBY)

Commissioner Graney reported that the House of Delegates meeting for Life Lobby will be held Feb. 28-March 1, and that Commissioner should contact him if they would like further information.

3. LA COUNTY HRMAC

There was no additional report on HRMAC.

4. PARTNERS ADHC

There was no additional report on Partners.

5. RECREATION

There was no additional report on Recreation.

6. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

The second annual Valentine's Dance for seniors was held February 6 at the House of Blues, and was very successful.

7. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

There was no additional report on DAB.

8. LESBIAN & GAY ADVISORY BOARD

There was no additional report on LGAB.

Commissioner Rosenfeld reported that the Yom Hashoah event will be happening soon.

Commissioner Komac brought to the Commission's attention that new trees were planted in the City on Sunday.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis reported that there have been two meetings with GLC COEP to discuss the scope of their contract, and that the program will be making presentations to the Commission in alternate months, beginning in March.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

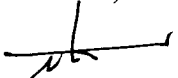
There were no additional items from the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

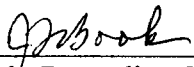
The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 1998, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 10, 1998



Steven L. Davis, Chair

Date



Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

Date