

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JANUARY 10, 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 6:02 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 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 Cislowski.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Augeri, Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis,
Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.

Not Present: Charles Henry.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, and Jeff Book.

The Commission noted with regret the resignation of Ponsella Gratton.

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

Approval of the minutes of the December 13, 2005, meeting were moved by Commissioner Mackler, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and approved, with Commissioner Cislowski abstaining.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tripp Mills of the Gay & Lesbian Center's WeHo Life program provided an update on its performance this month, including preparation for a new social marketing campaign. He noted that he is leaving the Center, and that Alton Carswell will report on behalf of WeHo Life in the future. Commissioner Mackler thanked Tripp Mills for his integrity and leadership, and Mr. Mills thanked Daphne Dennis and David Giugni for their work with the organization.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

Neil Aves reported on AHF's mobile STD testing program for the second month of the new contract year. He said they were maintaining the pace in providing testing and information to the target population.

B. AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES

Mickie Robbins and Jason Roundy reported on APLA's performance during the second month of the contract year. A new advertisement regarding medical treatment for meth will run soon in Frontiers.

C. GAY & LESBIAN CENTER – WEHO LIFE

Tripp Mills provided this update earlier in the meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMMUNITY STUDY PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Sara Kocher presented preliminary results and analysis of the community study dealing with social services. There were 610 surveys returned, for a response rate of 15 percent, which she said produced a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percent.

Subjects rated highest in terms of support for expenditures included law enforcement services, emergency preparedness, and crime prevention. Subjects rated highest in terms of public satisfaction were special events, law enforcement, and HIV prevention and transmission information.

Kocher noted some areas of remarkable similarity between these results and those of the study done in 1998, as well as a few differences or possible trends. Analysis of open-ended responses is being completed, and a full report will be presented in the future.

Daphne Dennis said another consultant is working on focus groups and stakeholder interviews, and that there will be a community forum from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, at West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Davis said presentation of an appreciation to Commissioner Cislowski, for her service as chair, and to Commissioner Gratton, for her service on the Commission, will be arranged.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis said that Club Freedom was quite successful on New Year's Eve. David Giugni said an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 people participated.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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

Signed: 
Steven L. Davis

Attest:


