

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2000**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Steven Davis at 6:10 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2000, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Steven Davis acted as chair in the absence of the chair and vice chair. A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Diane Kahn- Epstein, Tamar Springer, Tom West, 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 October 28, November 9, and December 14, 1999, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Mackler.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

Daphne Dennis presented the year-end report, including the agencies’ responses to inquiries, and statistical material. The report notes that the JFS Domestic Violence program will be continued on provisional status through March 2000

because it is still a new program, and that probationary status is being assigned to AHF AIDS education, Being Alive, GLC Health, GLC Mental Health, and GLC Youth.

Anne Factor of WHEST addressed the Commission, noting that she is about to take six months parental leave. She thanked the Commission for their continuing support.

Commissioner Mackler asked if there is a provision for augmenting funding for agencies which are achieving far over goal. Daphne Dennis said there was no formal provision, although there are savings that accrue during each contract year which could be reassigned to such agencies.

Commissioner Mackler noted that many agencies seemed to be over goal in the year-end report, and wondered if this was typical. Daphne Dennis said that it is typical with some agencies, including the Senior Center and APLA, and that usage rates at other agencies may reflect demographic factors, such as the relative decline in mortality rates among persons living with AIDS.

Commissioner Davis wondered what the demographics are for West Hollywood residents reporting little or no income, and Daphne Dennis said it was primarily seniors and people living with AIDS or other disabilities. Commissioner Davis said it would be interesting to see the income breakdown for persons living with AIDS, and Daphne Dennis said this information would be provided.

Commissioner Davis noted that several of the programs at GLC are being placed on probation. Daphne Dennis said monthly updates would be provided on the Health, Mental Health, and Youth programs at GLC.

Commissioner D'Amico noted that affordable housing, while apparently outside the purview of the Commission, represents a significant social need that is not being attended to in the city. Commissioner Griffin noted that East Side redevelopment will include an affordable housing factor. The need for affordable housing was noted as a topic to discuss with the City Council. City staff who deal with housing issues will also be invited to meet with the Commission.

The year-end report was received and filed, on a motion by Commissioner Mackler, seconded by Commissioner DeCrescenzo.

## B. DISCUSSION OF JOINT STUDY SESSION

In preparation for its meeting with the City Council in a joint study session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2000, in West Hollywood Park Auditorium, the Commission discussed how to present its ideas to the Council.

Among the topics that the Commission wants to present are:

- Affordable housing;
- City policy on homeless funding;
- Upward flexibility of social services funding levels;
- Funding for outpatient substance abuse counseling.

The Commission discussed pursuing grants and foundation funding, and received comments from John Copeland, Jeff Bay, and Kathy Watt, regarding priorities for discussion with the Council.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

A. LIAISONS

1. CHAIRS MEETING

The chairs meeting was not held this month.

2. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner D'Amico said it is scheduled for tomorrow.

3. LESBIAN & GAY ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Griffin said it is scheduled for Thursday.

4. PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION

Commissioner Davis said there will be a hearing Wednesday evening regarding facilities at Plummer Park.

5. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

No further report.

6. PARTNERS / ADHC

No further report.

7. AIDS EDUCATION

No further report.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

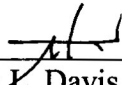
There were no additional items from the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

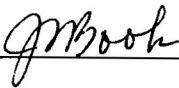
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m., to reconvene at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2000, in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., for a Joint Study Session with the City Council.

The next regular meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Steven L. Davis

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