

**MINUTES  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM /  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD  
WEST HOLLYWOOD 90069**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Jimmy Palmieri at 1:05 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2016, in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room / City Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ruth Cislowski.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Present: Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Borelli, Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick.

Not Present: None.

A quorum was present at all times. Also present were Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Corri Planck, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Corey Roskin, and Jeff Book.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Borelli.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 10, 2016, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

David Giugni provided general information for the meeting, including parking validation, location of bathrooms, and use of speaker slips.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Yola Dore spoke about social services agencies that provide a lifeline for people aging in place in West Hollywood: Jewish Family Service, Bet Tzedek, Project Chicken Soup, St. Thomas the Apostle Church. She supported funding the proposals from these agencies.
2. Michael Wojtkielewicz said issues at the City's founding, including renters' rights, remain issues today, as development is rampant and

massive.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION WITH APPLICANT AGENCIES**

Public Comment: Michael Wojtkielewicz spoke about a couple who reported feeling disregarded by treatment they received from Jewish Family Service.

The purpose of this meeting is to meet and talk with representatives from agencies that are seeking to enter contracts for Social Services with the City. Following this meeting, the Commission will meet on July 5 for a public hearing and to receive staff recommendations on funding, and on July 12 to adopt its own recommendations to the City Council on this.

The Commission received information from agencies which responded to the Request for Proposals for Social Services. For each agency, one Commissioner served as the lead, to introduce them and begin questions. Each Commissioner was then given the opportunity to ask further questions of each agency, followed by staff questions.

Agencies present and responding to questions were:

Aid for AIDS (Alliance for Housing and Health), represented by Maribel Ulloa and Jack Lorenz.

A Safe Refuge, represented by Cynthia Chavez.

APLA Health and Wellness, represented by Scott Singer, and APLA WeHo Community Support (formerly Positive Self-Management), represented by Bill Brown.

Ascencia, represented by Natalie Komuro and Laura Duncan.

Awakening Recovery, represented by David van der Velde and Greg Gelber.

Being Alive, represented by Garry Bowie, Jamie Baker, and Michael Anthony-Nalya.

Bet Tzedek, represented by Shawn Kravich and Sarah Jampol.

Friendly House, represented by Monica Phillips and Edward Kohler.

Friends Research Institute – HIV and Outpatient programs, represented by Cathy Reback and Jaimé Alvarez.

HELP (Hey Everyone Let's Play), represented by Lyndsie Zacheis.

Housing Works, represented by Rudy Salinas and Katie Joseph.

Jewish Family Service:

- Comprehensive Services Center, represented by Marina Berkman and Sheila Moore, as well as Margaret Avineri, and Todd Sosna.
- Nutrition, represented by Diane Schneider and Sheila Moore.
- SOVA, represented by Fred Summers and Margaret Avineri.

Jewish Vocational Services, represented by Jodi Doane, Marguerite Womack, and Phoenix Lockett.

JQ International, represented by Dr. Amanda Maddahi and Mastaneh Moghadam.

LA LGBT Center:

- WeHo Life, represented by Brett Holland.
- Mental Health, represented by Amy Kane and Mike Rizzo.
- Senior Services, represented by Tripp Mills.
- Sexual Health, represented by Dustin Kerrone.
- Transgender Economic Empowerment (TEEP), represented by Drían Juarez and Justine Gonzalez.
- Youth Services, represented by Simon Costello.

Men's Health Foundation, represented by Tony Mills and Brian Risley.

NCJW Community Mental Health and Support Services (CMHSS) and Youth Educational Programs and Services (YEPS), represented by Rachel Donaldson, Hillary Selvin, and Rachel Resnick.

Pathways, represented by Sally Valenzuela and Martha Ortega.

PAWS, represented by Steve Wayland.

Planned Parenthood, represented by Pamela Gabourie and Kristy Goodman.

Program for Torture Victims, represented by Trip Goldfield and Carol Gomez.

Project Chicken Soup, represented by Cathryn Friedman and Mark Miller. Robert Johnson was also present on behalf of the agency.

The Relational Center, represented by Mark Fairfield and Dan Fink.

Saban Community Clinic, represented by Denise Martin. Amelia Bolokofsky was also present on behalf of the agency.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Hollywood, represented by Joseph Warren.

Step Up on Second, represented by Barbara Bloom.

Tarzana Treatment Center, represented by Alex Sandro Salazar and Desirée Arroyo-Espinet. Stan Galperson was also present on behalf of the agency.

Thrive Tribe, represented by Kevin Stalter.

Westside Center for Independent Living (WCIL), represented by Anastasia Bacigalupo and Stephanie Hydal.

There were no questions for McIntyre House or Project Angel Food, so representatives from these applicants were excused.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. NEXT STEPS**

Staff reviewed the schedule for completion of recommendations, including a report on site visits on July 5; staff recommendations and public hearing on July 12; Commission recommendations on July 19; and staff report to City Council on September 19.

Staff recommended that the planned RFP Subcommittee meeting on July 5 as a full meeting of the Commission, so that all Commissioners are able to discuss and ask questions. This was moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and unanimously approved.

#### **5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

There were no items on Excluded Consent.

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Human Services Commission was adjourned at 11:12 pm.

The next meeting is a Special Meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, in the First-Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF JULY 2016

  
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Jimmy Palmieri, Chair

Attest:

  
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Jeff Book, Secretary