

**MINUTES  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM /  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 NORTH 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 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2016, in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room / City Council Chambers, 625 North San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patrick Shandrick.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Not Present: Elizabeth Anderson.

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 Cislowski.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of June 28, 2016, and July 5, 2016, were approved, with Commissioner Shandrick abstaining as to the meeting of July 5.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Michael Wojtkielewicz spoke about the City's social services.
2. Steve Martin spoke about reported changes in the number of homeless persons in Beverly Hills and West Hollywood.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **A. PUBLIC HEARING – FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACTS**

Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, spoke about the City's commitment to vital services by providing more than \$4.5 million in 2016-2017. She said that staff recommendations on Social Services contracts are focused on serving the most vulnerable and fragile community members, by providing the greatest good for those with the greatest need. The Request for Proposals (RFP) process has included input from multiple elements, including boards, commissions, and the community, and has been in response to Council Initiatives and special reports. She thanked the Human Services Commission and staff for their work on the funding process.

David Giugni, Social Services, Manager, said that 41 proposals were received, including 13 from agencies not currently contracting with the City. One agency (PATH) did not re-apply for funding. Proposals were evaluated on elements such as responsiveness to the RFP; program design; knowledge of target populations; knowledge of other agencies and collaborative service provision; current and past performance, where applicable; and the variety of each agency's funding sources, and any proposed matching funds, to achieve the strongest impact for the City's funding.

Staff reviewed recommendations for agencies which would be Social Services contractors new to the City, and enhanced proposals from existing contractors, including: Aid for AIDS, Being Alive, Bet Tzedek, JFS Comprehensive Services, LA LGBT Center's Mental Health program and services for Homeless Youth, NCJW's Youth Educational Programs and Services, Pathways, Project Angel Food, Ascencia, Men's Health Foundation, Planned Parenthood, and the Westside Center for Independent Living.

Also, the funding recommendations for \$4.5 million address the current needs with a caveat. With the high priority and need for services to support vulnerable community members, last year, the Council authorized additional funds. This need level is anticipated to continue and, to not cause reduced services and/or service interruption for the baseline of agency services. As a part of staff's responsibility in informing the Commission, this potential unmet need (substance abuse treatment and mental health for the homeless) will require additional consideration in the process. The amount is quantified at \$177,000 for substance abuse treatment and \$230,114 (Step Up on Second) for mental health services for the homeless, totaling \$407,114.

Staff noted the schedule for completion of the Social Services funding process, including recommendations by the Commission at its special meeting next Tuesday, July 19, followed by the staff report to the City Council on September 19.

Twenty-nine people spoke to the Commission during the Public Hearing:

1. Pamela Gabourie, Planned Parenthood
2. Emily Wasson, Planned Parenthood
3. Yola Doré, West Hollywood
4. Darnell Green, LA LGBT Center
5. Barbara Bloom, Step Up on Second
6. Guenter Keunecke, West Hollywood
7. Pat Dixon, West Hollywood
8. Rachel Donaldson, NCJW/LA
9. Cathryn Friedman, Project Chicken Soup
10. Marina Berkman, Jewish Family Service
11. Jeff Bailey, APLA
12. Garry Bowie, Being Alive
13. Simon Costello, LA LGBT Center, Homeless Youth Services
14. Brian Risley, Men's Health Foundation
15. Jack Lorenz, Aid for AIDS
16. Graciela Iparraguirre, West Hollywood
17. Joseph Warren, St. Thomas the Apostle Church
18. Diane Schneider, JFS Nutrition
19. Anastasia Bacigalupo, Westside Center for Independent Living
20. Stephanie Hydal, Westside Center for Independent Living
21. Jim Chud, member of Disabilities Advisory Board
22. Robert Gamboa, co-chair of Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board
23. Jessie Kornberg, Bet Tzedek
24. Amanda Maddahi, JQ International
25. Rachel Resnick, NCJW/LA
26. Cynthia Chavez, Safe Refuge
27. Larry Block, West Hollywood
28. Rick Watts, member of Disabilities Advisory Board
29. Natalie Komuro, Ascencia

Commissioners thanked representatives from the agencies for their proposals.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of New Business.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

There were no items from Excluded Consent.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff said copies of the Aging in Place / Aging in Community Strategic Plan are now available. Derek Murray spoke about the Southern California Men's Medical Group recommending vaccination for meningitis.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no additional public comment.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Borelli spoke about the diversity of services the City provides, and noted the communications challenge in making sure that the entire community is aware that they can access services from Jewish Family Services, the National Council of Jewish Women, and St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

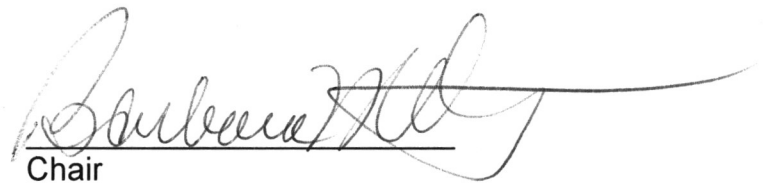
**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Human Services Commission was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

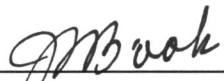
The next meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room / City Council Chambers, 625 North San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016

  
Chair

Attest:

  
Secretary