

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**JUNE 12, 2018
6:00 PM**

**ROOMS 5 AND 6
WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER AT PLUMMER PARK
7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Patrick Shandrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Clifford Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL –

PRESENT: Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Borelli, Nate Clark, Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager; Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Joan Mithers, Jeff Book.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the agenda for June 12, 2018. Motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Clark, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018, meeting. Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Clark, and approved 6 to 0 by roll call vote, with Commissioner Anderson abstaining.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MID-YEAR REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES

David Giugni introduced the Mid-Year Report, noting that this also falls exactly at the midpoint of the 2016-2019 contract cycle. He thanked all of the nonprofit agencies that contract with the City of West Hollywood to provide social services to community members. He highlighted elements of the agencies' reports, noting that some had significant increases in the number of community members being served.

LA LGBT Center's Mental Health program and Being Alive have been on probation. Staff has worked with them closely, and the agencies have made monthly reports on their progress to the Commission. David Giugni said that with this report their probationary status is ending.

For all agencies, the Commission was provided a summary report, their most recent monthly report, and demographic information on community members served.

Staff spoke about the programs they monitor, including the City's homeless service providers, Ascencia and Step Up on Second; the Disability Community Resource Center (formerly Westside Center for Independent Living); Tarzana Treatment Center, Safe Refuge, and McIntyre House; and programs of the LA LGBT Center, Jewish Family Service, and the National Council of Jewish Women, Planned Parenthood Los Angeles, and the Saban Community Clinic.

Commissioners discussed the reports with representatives of the agencies, including Eleshia Brown, Ascencia; Diane Schneider, Jewish Family Service's Senior Nutrition program; Cynthia Chavez, Safe Refuge; Josefina Santiago and Andy Sacher of JVS SoCal's WeHo Works program; Simon Costello, LA LGBT Center's Children, Youth and Family Services; Paul Chavez, LA LGBT Center; Anali Ray and Eion Gossett, Saban Community Clinic; and Effren Chacon, Men's Health Foundation.

Commissioners thanked the agencies and their staffs.

B. HIV ZERO INITIATIVE MID-YEAR UPDATE

David Giugni introduced Aaron Celious, Ph.D., the consultant who has worked with the City on the HIV Zero Initiative and will be making a report to the City Council in July. He presented slides illustrating the Initiative's goals and activities to date, and said he plans to have an update on the report by the end of the year.

4. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of New Business.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no items on Excluded Consent.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke about the free Name and Gender Marker Change Clinic and the Criminal Record Clearing Project, to be held at Plummer Park on June 20, and said that former Disabilities Advisory Board member Suzanne Dietrich passed away last week.

David Giugni spoke about the three Social Services outreach videos that have been released. The Homeless Initiative video has had 16,705 views to date; the Aging in Place video has had 19,017 views; and the Getting to Zero video has had 28,250 views.

David Giugni said that staff is recommending to the City Council that Raimi and Associates (R+A) conduct the next Community Study. They were selected after review of responses to a Request for Qualifications.

Corri Planck is now the Manager of the Strategic Initiatives Division within the Department of Human Services and Rent Stabilization.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Yola Doré spoke about Suzanne Dietrich, and asked the Commission to fund mental health services for seniors and housing in the next Social Services funding cycle.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Meltzer spoke about the importance of continuing to learn about dementia. She participated in the Senior Health Fair, and thought the Commission's table needed more things about Social Services. She attended the first meeting of Seniors in Action, as well as the Senior Advisory Board. She congratulated staff for Senior Month programs.

Commissioner Davis was at the Senior Health Fair. He spoke about the Pride Parade, and the impact of the placards and pictures along Santa Monica Boulevard between Crescent Heights and Havenhurst. He said cleanup after the Parade has gone better in other years. He said the Aging in Place video was well made, but didn't answer questions about being a senior in West Hollywood.

Commissioner Borelli said he was disappointed with the last of the Social Services videos. He congratulated the agencies on their degree of collaboration, and urged them to keep it up. David Giugni said a lack of collaboration had been a major concern of the Commission for a number of years, and that emphasis appears to have had results.

Commissioner Palmieri thanked staff for helping with #SIZZLE! at Pride Festival.


Commissioner Borelli requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Suzanne Dietrich. He said he will be away in July, and congratulated Commissioner Davis on his upcoming birthday.

Commissioner Shandrick attended the Health Fair. He spoke about the Pride Festival and Parade, which was refreshing. He asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of the victims of the shootings at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando on this date two years ago.

9. ADJOURNMENT


In memory of Suzanne Dietrich, and the 49 people killed on June 12, 2016, in the attack on the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, the Human Services Commission was adjourned at 8:48 pm to its next special meeting, at 6 pm, Tuesday, July 10, 2018, in Rooms 5 and 6 of the West Hollywood Community Center at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, 2018.



Steven L. Davis, Temporary Chair

Attest:



Jeff Book, Secretary