

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

**JULY 10, 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** – Steven L. Davis, member with most seniority among those attending, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Francisco Gomez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. ROLL CALL –**

**PRESENT:** Elizabeth Anderson, Nate Clark, Steven L. Davis,  
Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri.

**ABSENT:** Sam Borelli, Patrick Shandrick

**ALSO PRESENT:** David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Leslie Isenberg,  
Perri Sloane Goodman, Francisco Gomez, Jeff Book.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Commission elected a Temporary Chair, to serve at this meeting.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Meltzer nominated Commissioner Davis to serve as Temporary Chair. This was seconded by Commissioner Clark. There were no other nominations, and Commissioner Davis was unanimously elected by roll call vote.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Davis requested that Item 2.A. (Consent Calendar: Department of Human Services and Rent Stabilization Update) be moved to Excluded Consent.

**ACTION:** With that change, approve the agenda for July 10, 2018. Motion by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Palmieri said the reference to a commissioner thanking staff for helping with #SIZZLE! at the Pride Festival should be attributed to him, rather than Commissioner Borelli.

**ACTION:** With that change, approve the minutes of the June 14, 2018, meeting. Motion by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Molly Knute of West Hollywood and Valley Village expressed concern about climate control settings during events in Fiesta Hall.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. 2018 PARENT SURVEY ON EDUCATION**

Commissioner Clark discussed how to increase participation in the Parent Survey that received 32 responses at the Kids' Fair at Plummer Park on April 14, 2018. He said the City should be part of making sure that the Los Angeles Unified School District is serving the interests of West Hollywood students, and improving communication with parents would help.

Commissioners discussed ways to publicize the survey, such as placing it on the City website and seeking authorization for the Communications Department to be involved. David Giugni said the City will be conducting its next Needs Assessment before long, and some questions could be considered for that.

Commissioner Clark moved that the Commission supports placing the Parent Survey on the City's website. Commissioner Anderson suggested including support for broad distribution of the survey within City channels. Commissioner Clark accepted this and made it part of the main motion, which Commissioner Anderson seconded. This motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. TRANSIT SERVICES UPDATE**

Staff spoke about the City's published survey on transportation, which set out goals and strategies for transit, and about current and upcoming changes to better respond to public needs. CityLine and CityLine X are being rebranded with the arrival of new vehicles, to be known as City Line Local and City Line Commuter.

Staff provided a handout on the continuum of services, including fixed-route services like The Pickup, the Metro bus pass subsidy, Dial-a-Ride, and Dial-a-Ride "TLC." A new approach to the taxi coupon program is being implemented, which will rely on a combination of on-demand

vehicles and Lyft. Commissioners discussed how to make information about the City's extensive transit options more available.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND RENT STABILIZATION UPDATE**

David Giugni discussed recent changes to the Department, such as the Recreation Division moving to a different department, with a new division, Strategic Initiatives, being created in the Human Services and Rent Stabilization Department. The new division will work on the Aging in Place Aging in Community initiative, homelessness, and poverty. The Division will staff the annual Homeless Count.

David Giugni announce that Leslie Isenberg has received a promotion to Social Services Supervisor.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff said that the August meeting of the Human Services Commission will return to City Hall, which is the Commission's normal meeting place. It has met elsewhere for a few months due to construction in the City Hall lobby.

Staff spoke about APLA sponsoring a forum on sex, drugs, and intimacy, and presented results from the Pride testing blitz, which showed an increase to reactive tests for HIV, at 1.5%, up from less than 1% last year. Commissioner Palmieri spoke about making the tests for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia widely available next year. Commissioner Davis said that despite the results of this testing, AIDS Healthcare Foundation is seeing an ongoing decline in the number of reactive tests.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Yola Doré spoke about World AIDS Day and recommended that testing for HIV should be part of routine physicals.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Anderson attended a meeting on isolation and ways to change it, including the impact of volunteerism.

Commissioner Palmieri supported the City Council's action with regard to scooters on sidewalks.

Commissioner Clark distributed information provided at a recent community meeting with School Board Member Nick Melvoin.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke about the isolation training. She asked about having a Human Services Commission presence at National Night Out. David

Giugni said staff does provide information that will be available at the National Night Out events. Commissioner Meltzer recommended a centralize database of volunteer opportunities.

Commissioner Davis agreed with remarks about the impact of volunteerism.

Commissioners congratulated Leslie Isenberg on her promotion.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Human Services Commission was adjourned at 7:38 pm to its next regular meeting, at 6 pm, Tuesday, August 14, 2018, in the City Hall Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90069.

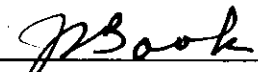
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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE  
14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018



Chair

Attest:

  
Secretary