

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

**AUGUST 14, 2018
6:00 PM**

**FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Patrick Shandrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Abby Arnold led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL –

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

ABSENT: Jimmy Palmieri.

ALSO PRESENT: Corri Planck, Acting Director of Human Services and Rent
Stabilization; David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Leslie
Isenberg, Derek Murray, Joan Mithers, and Jeff Book.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Borelli asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Rita Norton, longtime community leader, and Casey Hoke, transgender artist and activist.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: The minutes of the July 10, 2018, meeting were approved, on a motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved 4 to 0 by roll call vote, with Commissioners Borelli and Shandrick abstaining.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Marjorie Gilberg introduced herself as the new executive director of National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles (NCJW/LA). She said the organization, founded in 1909, recently has clarified its purpose, and as a result some programs are closing, others will be strengthened, and new ones may be created. Some of the programs being closed are partly funded by the City of West Hollywood.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWALS 2018-19

David Giugni said these renewals are for the third year of the current three-year funding cycle. A new community survey is planned for 2019, followed by a Request for Proposals for the next cycle of contracts.

He showed a video which was a compilation of earlier videos introducing social services programs. Featured in the video were Jeffrey Rodriguez, Sexual Health Education Manager of the LA LGBT Center; Jake Weinraub, mental health clinician for The People Concern; and Alla Chasnik, West Hollywood case attorney at Bet Tzedek Legal Services.

Staff recommended renewals of the current Social Services contracts, in an amount to include the 2% cost-of-living increase already approved by the City Council.

Leslie Isenberg discussed the programs being discontinued by NCJW/LA, including Community Mental Health and Support Services (CMHSS), and Youth Educational Programs and Services (YEPS).

David Giugni spoke about the staff recommendation for programming of \$104,239 in unspent funds, representing amounts that would not be expended in the 2018-19 program year, due to the closure of the NCJW programs. The recommendation is to allocate funds to Jewish Family Service to administer the Community Psychiatric Resource Program (currently administered by NCJW) and to increase funding for homemaker services; APLA community support; extending the Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVP) position for the full contract year at Step Up on Second; to add a part-time Nurse Practitioner to Step Up's Multi Interdisciplinary Team (MIT); and funding bed night services as temporary shelter for community members in crisis, also through Step Up.

Commissioners discussed choices to be made with regard to allocations to different priorities, including whether to try to continue the closing programs through a different provider, or focus on other community needs. Lika Litt, casework coordinator at Jewish Family Service, spoke about how West Hollywood's funding joins support from other agencies, such as the senior supportive services program of the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging.

Commissioner Borelli moved to approve staff's recommendations with

regard to renewal of contracts, and allocation of \$104,239 in unspent funds. This was seconded by Commissioner Meltzer and unanimously approved on a roll-call vote.

B. 2019 WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY STUDY UPDATE

David Giugni introduced a report on the 2019 West Hollywood Community Study and statistically valid survey, to be performed by Raimi + Associates with subcontractor FM3, as approved by the City Council last December. The last Community Study was conducted in 2013. The new Survey is planned for distribution in late September, with a completion date of mid-October. The results will provide information to be used regarding social services for the next three years.

The study will begin with a kick-off community meeting, and will include pop-up meetings, focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and analysis. The process aims for a draft report in early 2019, followed by a final report, presentation to the Human Services Commission, and presented to the City Council. Richard Bernard of FM3 discussed methodology for the administration of the statistically valid survey.

Commissioners spoke about topics they would like to see on the survey, including isolation and connectivity; education, including whether students are in public, private, or home schools; informal caregiving; educating the community about dementia and related issues; importance of the library; transportation; and pets.

C. 2018 HOMELESS DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY REPORT

Abby Arnold, the City's consultant, presented the 2018 Homeless Demographic Survey through slides that compared the results to parallel information from the 2017 survey and from the Continuum of Care, which includes most cities in Los Angeles County. This survey does not track specific individuals from year to year, but gathers information about the homeless population as a whole, at the same time, from year to year.

Corri Planck said the total number of homeless community members identified in the 2018 Homeless Count was 100, down from 105 last year. Sixty surveys were completed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of New Business.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no items on Excluded Consent.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Derek Murray said there will be another Expungement Clinic on September 26 in Plummer Park Rooms 1 and 2. This is to help people request a court to seal or destroy the record of an arrest or criminal conviction.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Yola Doré, liaison from Disabilities Advisory Board, spoke about the upcoming Disability Awareness Awards and thanked the Commission for the work it does.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Shandrick and others congratulated Commissioner Clark and his partner Allen Loeb on the birth of their son, Cary Nolan Loeb-Clark.

He also spoke about the discussion of PEP awareness at the recent meeting of HIV/substance abuse providers.

Commissioner Davis and others spoke about Rita Norton, founder of Friends of the Library in West Hollywood, who played such a large role in the civic and community life of West Hollywood.

Commissioner Davis said he continues to see many Bird-type scooters being used in town, even though he thought the City Council had banned them.

9. ADJOURNMENT


In memory of Rita Norton and Casey Hoke, the Human Services Commission was adjourned at 8:08 pm to its next regular meeting, at 6 pm, Tuesday, September 11, 2018, in City Hall's First-Floor Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary