

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

**SEPTEMBER 11, 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 – Andrew Campbell 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; Leslie Isenberg, and Jeff Book. City Clerk Yvonne Quarker was also present.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Borelli asked that Consent Calendar Item 2.A, National Recovery Month, be moved to Excluded Consent.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Clark and approved 6 to 0, by roll call vote, with Commissioner Palmieri abstaining.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar item on National Recovery Month had been moved to Excluded Consent.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of Unfinished Business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORT ON STEP UP ON SECOND'S MOBILE INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM

David Giugni introduced the report from Step Up on Second's Mobile Interdisciplinary Team (MIT). Clifford Roberts thanked the agency's community partners and appreciated its collaboration with Housing Works. He spoke about the agency staff and recent data about operations. He said substance abuse and mental health continue to be challenges among the population being served. The agency pursues a harm-reduction model.

In response to questions, Clifford Roberts and Jill Drenth spoke about their cooperation with Tarzana Treatment Center, Safe Refuge, and KLEAN West Hollywood; Los Angeles rules on sleeping in public; how they respond to requests from the City of West Hollywood and the public; and how client records are kept.

B. WEHO ARTS; THE PLAN

Andrew Campbell, Arts Manager, presented "WeHo Arts: The Plan," which was approved by the City Council in August 2017. It maps out a process for a cultural plan, establishing forms of interaction with stakeholders and community members. The process has established five principles (Space, Engagement, Support, Visibility, and Experimentation). He described steps being taken to implement the plan.

He spoke about the upcoming WeHo Reads series, which includes Lorna Luft, Patt Morrison, Larry Mantle, Eloise Klein Healy, Patrisse Cullors, and Michael York. He also discussed *Señor Plummer's Final Fiesta*, an interactive work which will play at Plummer Park in October and November. Written by Diana Burbano, Tom Jacobson, and Chelsea Sutton, the play about the life of Eugene Plummer (1852-1943), the original resident of West Hollywood, will be performed by the Rogue Artists Ensemble under the direction of Sean T. Cawelti and assistant director Julia Garcia Combs, with original music by Adrien Prévost.

He said plans are still in development for the Coast Playhouse, 8325 Santa Monica Boulevard, which the City purchased in 2016.

C. ON-CALL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, said the City will shortly replace its taxi coupon program with an On-Call Transportation Program that will enable West Hollywood residents who are 62 years old or disabled to purchase up to \$100 per month in fare (at a rate of \$8 per \$50) from an on-call service operated by Ambiance. Requests for trips will be dispatched to Ambiance's 100-vehicle fleet. If the request cannot be filled within a 20-minute timeframe, the request will be dispatched to Lyft. There

will be no cards to swipe. Fares will be calculated ahead of time, with no need for a payment exchange between the passenger and the driver.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

A. NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

David Giugni answered questions from the Commission on the outreach plan for the updated 2018 Substance Abuse Treatment brochure. He provided an update on access by community members to the City's contracted and collaborative treatment providers. A detailed report on access to services by community members will be presented to the Commission as part of the Social Services year-end report in December.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni said that the City plans to begin podcasting Commission meetings in October. City Clerk Yvonne Quarker said they will be available through YouTube, the City website, and similar locations.

David Giugni spoke about a flyer for Seniors in Action. Leslie Isenberg said a report will come to the Commission and the City Council in October.

David Giugni spoke about the City's new fixed-route transit vehicles, which are being introduced this week.

Leslie Isenberg spoke about progress toward the Community Study, which will have a kickoff event at Plummer Park on September 25.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Davis asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Merrick (Rick) Talcove, a friend and active member of the community, who was a critic and playwright. Commissioner Davis will be away next month, on a trip to Michigan. He noted that 25 years ago, in November 1993, his first meeting as a member of the Human Services Commission had included discussion of the Plummer Park Master Plan. He asked the City to move ahead and accomplish this.

Commissioner Meltzer attended the Senior Advisory Board, which received a presentation on wills and advance directives. She said the WeHo Reads event with Patt Morrison and Larry Mantle will also be a celebration of the 7th anniversary of the West Hollywood Library.

Commissioner Palmieri asked anyone in trouble to visit the Tweakers page on Facebook, where there is a community of support.

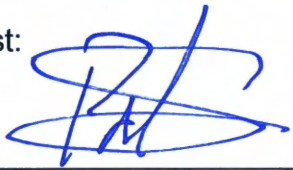

Commissioner Borelli attended the Chair and Vice Chair meeting with the City Manager and City Clerk, where they were reminded of the roles and responsibilities in these positions. He also visited Project Angel Food, and was reminded of their great services to our community.

Commissioner Shandrick spoke about the first series of BeWell WeHo mindfulness programs.

9. ADJOURNMENT

In memory of Merrick (Rick) Talcove and the victims of the 9/11 attacks, including West Hollywood residents David Reed Gamboa Brandhurst and his fathers, Daniel R. Brandhorst and Ronald L. Gamboa, the Human Services Commission was adjourned at 9:03 pm to its next regular meeting, at 6 pm, Tuesday, October 9, 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 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2018.

Attest: 
Secretary 
Chair 