

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

**OCTOBER 9, 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 – Paul Chavez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL –

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

ABSENT: Steven L. Davis

ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, and Jeff Book.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Yola Doré, liaison from Disabilities Advisory Board, spoke about National Disabilities Awareness Month and about the 20th Annual Disability Service Awards, to be presented October 24, 2018.

2. Chris Clarkin said he is now doing the condom distribution side of the City's social services contract with the WeHo Life program of the LA LGB Center. A quarter million condoms are distributed annually through the program. New safer-sex packets will be designed soon.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. AGENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

The Human Services Commission received a report on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Agency Development funds. Social Service agencies

working under a current City of West Hollywood contract may apply for the funds, to be used for strengthening key areas of their organizations, such as program development and planning. This is the fifth year the City of West Hollywood will award Agency Development funds.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SENIORS IN ACTION

Leslie Isenberg presented an update on Seniors in Action, a project which is completing a six-month pilot period. Monthly meetings have been held at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room to address topics such as combatting ageism and enhancing communication skills. The effort has received positive responses. The series is expected to continue, while transitioning to coordination by Jewish Family Service. Commissioners thanked the Senior Advisory Board for proposing the idea which developed into Seniors in Action, and discussed the location of the meeting and what kinds of transportation participants were using.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORT ON THE LA LGBT CENTER'S TRANSGENDER ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

Derek Murray introduced Eden Anaï Luna and Alexandra Magallon of the LA LGBT Center, who provided an update on the Transgender Economic Empowerment Project (TEEP), which helps West Hollywood transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary community members through case management services, advocacy, and job training and placement. Current terminology was discussed, and a video on this program's impact was shown. The tenth annual job and resources fair specifically tailored for trans and non-binary people will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium. Commissioners discussed how employers can be connected to the opportunity for gender diversity training (answer: by contacting TEEP@lalgbtcenter.org).

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no items on Excluded Consent.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Leslie Isenberg reported on the kickoff meeting for the 2019 Community Study, which has already had hundreds of responses. More than 30 stakeholder interviews have been held, and a schedule for pop-ups is being confirmed. More information about the study is available on the City website.

David Giugni said the annual Agency Orientation meeting was held October 9, with attendance by a program and fiscal staff member from each of the social service agencies with City contracts.

Derek Murray spoke about the recent legal clinic to assist with expungement of convictions, and noted the Disabilities Resource Fair to be held October 18.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Palmieri spoke about the need to improve late-night distribution of condoms, and about violence directed toward trans people.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke about the Arts and Children's Roundtables, and about the September 28 program with Patt Morrison and Larry Mantle, sponsored by the Friends of the West Hollywood Library and the City's Arts Division.

Commissioner Borelli encouraged attendance at the Disability Service Awards on October 24, and congratulated Yola Doré and Anny Semonco on recognition by Los Angeles County.

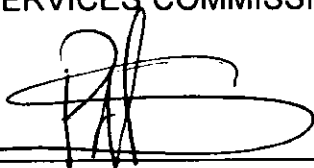
Commissioner Shandrick spoke about recent arrests of homeless people in West Hollywood, and asked that this be a subject for an upcoming agenda. Staff will talk with the Public Safety Department on this.

Commissioner Shandrick said hello to anyone listening by podcast and thanked Councilmember Meister for requesting this availability.

9. ADJOURNMENT

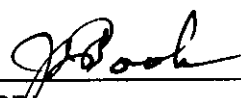
The Human Services Commission was adjourned at 7:30 pm to its next regular meeting, to be held at 6 pm, Tuesday, November 13, 2018, in City Hall's First-Floor Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary