

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2019
6 PM
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Sam Borelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Noemi Torres led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Sam Borelli, Nate Clark, Steven L., Davis, Barbara
Meltzer, Andrew L. Reback, Patrick Shandrick

ABSENT: Jimmy Palmieri

ALSO PRESENT:

David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives
Manager; Elizabeth Anderson, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Joan
Mithers, and Jeff Book.

C. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Without objection, Item 4.A. was moved ahead of Item 3.A.

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Motion by
Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Reback, and
unanimously approved by roll call vote.

D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of May 14, 2019. Motion by Commissioner
Davis, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and unanimously approved by
roll call vote.

E. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar. Motion by Commissioner Meltzer,
seconded by Commissioner Davis, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
The Calendar item was:

A. **UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND
QUEER WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLABORATIVE**

The Human Services Commission will receive an update on the work of
the Los Angeles County Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Women's Health
Collaborative.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. THE WOMEN'S ALZHEIMER'S MOVEMENT:

Corri Planck introduced Sandy Gleysteen, Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Women's Alzheimer's Movement (WAM). She provided a broad overview of the Alzheimer's situation, which currently affects 5.8 million Americans, including at least 200,000 with early-onset Alzheimer's in their 40's and 50's. The annual cost of Alzheimer's care is currently \$290 billion.

WAM was founded by former California First Lady Maria Shriver, whose father, former Peace Corps Director R. Sargent Shriver, Jr., developed Alzheimer's. WAM funds research that is gender-based, looking at potential lifestyle interventions that may delay or prevent the disease. She thanked the City of West Hollywood for adopting WAM's action plan, and invited sign-ups for the WAM newsletter, to keep up with research developments.

Commissioner Meltzer asked for this to appear on the agenda, and that a formal plan be created, including law enforcement training, to build a city where people can thrive, with open spaces, healthy food, and connections among neighbors. She noted the United Kingdom recently appointed a Minister of Loneliness in recognition of the scale of the problem.

Commissioner Reback asked about intersectional outreach with regard to immigration, and how the City can conduct direct outreach to people who are alone or isolated due to age.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MID-YEAR REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

David Giugni introduced the Mid-Year Report on Social Services contract programs, marking the midpoint of the 2018-2019 funding year, which is the third of three years in the 2016-2019 funding cycle. He reviewed client demographics for the funded agencies.

Staff discussed information from the agencies, including rental assistance programs, loan repayment, SOVA's Pico-Robertson Food Pantry, and the WeHo Works program of JVS (formerly Jewish Vocational Services; now Jobs, Vision & Success). Ronda Dixon, program manager of WeHo Works, said they are seeing an increase in people who are homeless seeking their services.

Staff spoke about reports from APLA Health, the Transgender Economic Empowerment Program, and WeHo Life. Paul Chavez and Chris Clarkin spoke on behalf of WeHo Life. Staff spoke about reports on contracts with

PAWS LA, Project Angel Food, and St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Laura Duncan, executive director of Ascencia, discussed their contract with the City.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

There were no Excluded Consent Calendar items.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

David Giugni said Commissioners have received their copies of the responses to the City's Request for Proposal regarding Social Services for 2019-2022. Safe Refuge did not re-apply. He asked Commissioners to send questions on the responses to staff. He also spoke about the Social Services booth at the Pride Festival.

Corri Planck spoke about a grant of \$65,000 to Jewish Family Service from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to support increased enrollment in Cal Fresh, as well as \$159,000 to the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center to support the culinary arts program at the Anita May Rosenstein campus.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Shandrick spoke about the May 22 staged reading of *Dear Harvey*, Patricia Loughrey's play about Harvey Milk. He thanked staff and those involved in the rapid production of informational material to accompany fentanyl strip distribution.

Commissioner Reback spoke about the LA Pride Parade and Festival; about attending the Senior Health Fair with Commissioners Meltzer, Davis, and Borelli; about attending an advocacy day in Sacramento on behalf of the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California (JPAC); and about concerns that the City does not have a homeless shelter or food pantry within its borders.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke about the Senior Health Fair, the City's contingent in the Pride Parade, and reading her improv story at the Senior Advisory Board, where she met West Hollywood residents Carole Cook and Tom Troupe, both of whom have appeared in film and television projects for more than 60 years.

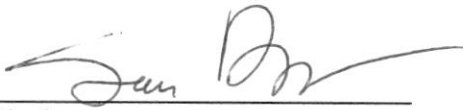
Commissioner Davis spoke about the Senior Health Fair, the need for more of a boundary between parade floats and those attending the parade, and the speed with which the City restores Santa Monica Boulevard to clean, operating condition.

Commissioner Clark spoke about the Pride Parade, and asked everyone to see the numbers reported by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

Commissioner Borelli spoke about the Pride Parade and the Social Services funding process, and requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Virginia Uribe, creator of Project 10 and Models of Pride.


9. **ADJOURNMENT:** In memory of Virginia Uribe, the Human Services Commission was adjourned at 8:15 pm to a special meeting to be held Tuesday, July 9, 2019, beginning at 6:00 pm, in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room/Council Chambers at 625 North San Vicente Boulevard, 90069. This is also the address for rideshare or drop-off.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY 2019.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary