

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2019  
6 PM  
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Commission Chair Sam Borelli.

**1. A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tory Berger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Sam Borelli, Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer,  
Jimmy Palmieri, Andrew L. Reback,  
Patrick Shandrick, Marquita Thomas

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, and Kim Patterson

**D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Approve the Agenda of Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Motion by Commission Vice-Chair Reback, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved unanimously.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of September 10, 2019 with correction. Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved unanimously.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Alexis Sanchez, resident of Los Angeles, announced that fentanyl strips will be handed out at the West Hollywood Halloween Carnival.

2. Yola Doré, liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board, invited the Commission to the Disabilities Resource Fair on Thursday, October 17 from 9 AM – 12 Noon at Plummer Park. She also announced the Disabilities Advisory Board annual televised meeting and award ceremony on Wednesday, October 23 from 6-8 PM, beginning with a pre-meeting reception at 5 PM at Council Chambers.

3. William West Seegmiller, West Hollywood resident and member of SWOP/LA, announced a proposal to form a Sex Worker Task Force.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. 2019-2020 AGENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS**

The Human Services Commission received a report on the Agency Development funds Request for Proposal (RFP).

**B. UPDATE: CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**

The Human Services Commission received a report on the first meeting of the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC), established with the goal of developing strategies to ensure that every resident is counted in the 2020 Census.

**ACTION:** Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Commission Vice-Chair Reback, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and approved unanimously.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. AGING IN PLACE / AGING IN COMMUNITY INITIATIVE UPDATE: SANTA MONICA COLLEGE'S EMERITUS PROGRAM**

Elizabeth Anderson, Program Administrator for the Strategic Initiatives Division, gave an update on efforts to advance the City's Aging in Place/Aging in Community Strategic Plan through a new collaboration with Santa Monica College Emeritus, a program of Santa Monica College for the older adult community. She announced a free introductory Political Science - Current Events class that will be held on October 28, 2019 at 2 PM at Movietown Plaza, 7302 Santa Monica Blvd, in anticipation of a weekly winter class that will be offered in January.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PRESENTATION FROM NEWLY CONTRACTED AGENCIES/ PROGRAMS**

Matthew Flores, Development and Communications Manager and Maria Aceves, West Hollywood Director of Housing Services from the Alliance for Housing and Healing (AHH) ) discussed AHH's social services contract with the City of West Hollywood. The program will provide rental assistance for seniors who are aging in place and facing rental increases that may force them to lose their homes.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**B. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION FUND'S SOCIAL ISOLATION AND LONELINESS IMPACT COALITION**

Commissioner Meltzer reported on the Motion Picture and Television Fund's Social Isolation and Loneliness Impact Coalition and volunteered to serve as the Commission's representative.

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to accept Commissioner Meltzer as Commission representative, and approved unanimously.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

There were no Excluded Consent Calendar items.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Staff responded to Commission Chair Borelli's question about an updated Social Services brochure with the new agencies that have just begun their three-year contracts with the City. In addition to the 3% additional funding to agencies for marketing and promotion, the City is providing funds to the Social Services Division to promote the services of these agencies. The City of West Hollywood Funded Social Services Agencies and Programs brochure will be updated and produced in English, Russian and Spanish.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no additional Public Comment.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Thomas apologized for being late to the meeting due to her arrival by plane from Atlanta where she participated in a conference.

Commission Shandrick spoke about patients switching from Truvada to Descovy due to toxic liver and bone density concerns. He also reported that he's noticed more people openly smoking meth on the westside of the City.

Commission Palmieri reported on the first planning meeting for the Meth Forum. They are looking for panelists. He also spoke about this year's #Boom New Year's Eve celebration.

Commissioner Meltzer reported that she and Mayor Pro Tempore Lindsey Horvath toured the LA LGBT Center's Senior & Youth Center. She distributed flyers requesting volunteers for The Center. She also reported on the City-hosted regional meeting of AARP.


In response to Commission Shandrick's observations of increased meth use, Vice-Chair Reback recommended that the ambassador patrols be stepped up. In regard to Commissioner Palmieri's report, he suggested that service providers provide PrEP free-of-charge. He also suggested that more direct aid such as that provided by Alliance for Housing & Healing be provided. He requested a report on the City's Prop H grant. He thanked City staff for Spanish translation in the new brochure. He reported on the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee meeting which was well-attended with a diverse group of constituents. He also attended the Mock Election which was well organized. He thanked the Commission for rescheduling today's meeting in response to the conflict with the

Jewish holiday.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Human Services Commission was adjourned at 7 pm to the next meeting to be held Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 6:00 pm in the First Floor Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90069. The rideshare/drop-off address is 1085 North Sweetzer Avenue, 90069.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019.

  
Chair

Attest:

  
Secretary