

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

**JANUARY 14, 2020
6:00 PM**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Vice Chair Steven L. Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
 - A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.
 - B. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Sam Borelli, Steven L., Davis, Barbara Meltzer,
Patrick Shandrick, Marquita Thomas
ABSENT: Jimmy Palmieri, Andrew L. Reback

ALSO PRESENT: Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager; Leslie
Isenberg, Derek Murray, Joan Mithers, Elizabeth
Anderson, Jeff Book
 - C. **ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**
Commissioner Borelli moved that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Efren Chacon, Manager of Prevention Care Coordination at Men’s Health Foundation, and Amber Leist, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy. There were no objections
 - D. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Tuesday, January 14, 2020, as revised on January 8, 2020. Motion by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Borelli, and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.
 - E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
ACTION: Approve the minutes of December 10, 2019. Motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and approved 4-0 by roll-call vote, with Commissioner Shandrick abstaining.
 - F. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no Public Comment at this time.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. 2019-2020 GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT

The Human Services Commission received information on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's upcoming 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

ACTION: Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. REPROGRAMMING 2018-19 CONTRACT SAVINGS

Leslie Isenberg presented the report on contract savings of \$131,720.58 from the 2018-19 Social Services programs. Staff recommended that the Human Services Commission recommend that the City Council approve reprogramming of that amount with these contract amendments: Disability Community Resource Center, \$5,000; JFS Nutrition, \$4,720.58; Los Angeles LGBT Center's Senior Program, \$61,000; AIDS Project Los Angeles Community Support, \$12,000; Being Alive, \$7,500; Los Angeles LGBT Center's Transgender Economic Empowerment Program (TEEP), \$7,500; and Los Angeles LGBT Center's Youth Services Program, \$34,000.

Vice Chair Davis asked for additional information on the Los Angeles LGBT Center's Senior Services Program. Kiera Pollock, the program's director, spoke about moving into the 8,000-sq.ft. new facility in May 2019 and the expanded programming and services made possible there, including services for homeless seniors, who can access multiple necessary services, such as meals, showers, affordable housing, and transportation.

Commissioner Borelli requested additional information on the Los Angeles LGBT Center's Youth Program and TEEP. Staff of the Los Angeles LGBT Center, including Kris Nameth, Youth Coordinator, responded to describe their plans for the amended funding.

Commissioner Borelli moved to approve the staff's recommendations as stated. This was seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioners posed additional questions about the proposal, with responses from Samantha Renteria of the Disability Community Resource Center and Garry Bowie of Being Alive.

The Commission approved the motion unanimously, by roll-call vote.

B. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION WORKPLAN CALENDAR 2020

The Human Services Commission received an updated 2020 Workplan Calendar. Commissioner Meltzer asked for consideration of having a midyear

update on Aging in Place/Aging in Community and having Public Safety staff discuss first-responder training about dementia. Commissioner Shandrick spoke about conducting a deep dive on mental health; the importance of looking at PEP (post-exposure prophylaxis); and discussing prevention of substance abuse during Recovery Month. Commissioner Thomas said services to communities of color could be an addition to the calendar. Vice Chair Davis and Commissioner Borelli agreed that the August 2020 meeting should not be marked as canceled.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION FROM SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS (SEEDS OF HOPE)

Tim Alderson of Seeds of Hope thanked the Commission for its confidence in recommending the agency's contract with the City and said the agency is currently serving 483 individuals and has expanded from seven to eight sites with the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation. Fruits and vegetables are among the most popular items at the on-site food distributions.

B. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISONS

Commissioner Shandrick moved to postpone this item to the February 2020 meeting. This was seconded by Commissioner Meltzer and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Excluded Consent Calendar.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff provided information on WeHo Works, which has met its quarterly Job Placement goal four times in the 2016-19 contract cycle and increased its accomplishment toward the annual Job Placement goal from 60% in 2016-17, to 70% in 2017-18, and 77% in 2018-19. Staff spoke about the memorial for Efen Chacon, who played an instrumental role in the HIV services providers group and in HIV Zero planning.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Shandrick has joined the California Community Foundation in the communications department. The Foundation recently held a conference on immigration at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels; about a program with Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas; about a safety discussion between Block by Block and the Sheriff's office; and about a recent wave of car vandalism.

Commissioner Thomas spoke about diversity in ownership of small businesses working with public utilities and asked for LGBT-owned small businesses especially

in construction be referred to her for further information.

Commissioner Meltzer said that Spectrum News 1 presented a program on Aging in Place, with much of it based in West Hollywood, including interviews with Mayor Pro Tempore Lindsey Horvath and Commissioner Meltzer.

Commissioner Borelli asked about Commissioners doing site visits to agencies and about progress on an all-city mailing about Social Services.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

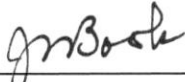
In memory of Efren Chacon and Amber Leist, the Human Services Commission was adjourned at 7:18 pm to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the First Floor Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069. The rideshare/drop-off address is 1085 North Sweetzer Avenue, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY 2020.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary