

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

**FEBRUARY 11, 2020  
6:00 PM**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Andrew L. Reback called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
  - A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Davis.
  - B. **ROLL CALL**  
PRESENT: Sam Borelli, Steven L., Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri,  
Andrew L. Reback, Patrick Shandrick, Marquita Thomas  
ABSENT: None  
ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Leslie Isenberg, Francisco Gomez, Jeff Book
  - C. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**  
**ACTION:** Approve the agenda of Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved 6 to 0 by roll-call vote.
  - D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of January 14, 2020. Motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Vice Chair Davis, and approved 6 to 0 by roll-call vote, with Chair Reback abstaining. Commissioner Thomas arrived just after the approval of the agenda and minutes.
  - E. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Tripp Mills, Deputy Director of the Los Angeles LGBT Center’s Senior Services, spoke about a Senior Housing information session being held, as well as three application assistance sessions for the upcoming housing lease-up. He introduced Michael Kelly, who is the Housing Navigator.
2. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**  
There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISONS**

Commissioners reviewed a list of opportunities to serve as liaisons to other City boards and commissions, and made the following designations:

Planning Commission	Chair Reback, Commissioner Thomas
Public Safety Commission	Commissioner Borelli
Rent Stabilization Commission	Chair Reback
Transportation Commission	Vice Chair Davis
Disabilities Advisory Board	Commissioner Palmieri
Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board	Commissioner Shandrick Alternate: Commissioner Thomas
Russian Advisory Board	Chair Reback Alternate: Commissioner Davis
Senior Advisory Board	Commissioner Meltzer Alternate: Vice Chair Davis
Transgender Advisory Board	Commissioner Thomas
Women's Advisory Board	Commissioner Meltzer Alternate: Commissioner Borelli

The designations were approved as part of a motion making appointments under Item 4.B.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PRESENTATION TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION FROM SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS (JQ INTERNATIONAL)**

Asher Gellis, Executive Director of JQ International, spoke about their Helpline service, which is a service provided through the organization's contract with the City. He introduced Arianna Armstrong, Helpline Associate. Discussion with Commissioners included how they do outreach, including outreach to communities of color and people who are not Jewish; information on PrEP and PEP; and the recent Coming Out Persian event held at City Council Chambers.

**B. APPOINTMENTS TO THE CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP)**

**WORKING GROUP**

Robyn Eason, the City's Senior Sustainability Planner, stated that the City adopted a climate plan in 2011, to address what steps the City can take that are relevant to climate change. A Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Working Group is being formed, and the Commission was asked to designate a regular and alternate member. Four meetings are planned between April and November 2020. Commissioner Borelli moved to designate Chair Reback as member and Vice Chair Davis as alternate for the CAAP Working Group, and to approve the list of liaisons set out earlier in the meeting. This was

seconded by Vice Chair Davis and approved 7 to 0 by roll-call vote.

**C. TRANSIT SERVICES UPDATE**

Francisco Gomez, Transit Administrator, spoke about the City's annual expenditure of \$3.8 million to support transit programs for those 62+ as well as people living with disabilities of any age. Discussion with Commissioners included how to encourage and educate the community about available Transit services; whether data is available about decreases in car travel; and offering free services for students and young people. Commissioner Thomas said she does not use the trolley service because of racial incidents. Chair Reback said how important it is that everyone feel comfortable and able to ride on these services.

Public Comment:

1. Alana Roshay thanked Commissioner Thomas for sharing the information about racial incidents. She spoke about having used the Pick-Up for six years, and about whether it is required to stop at each stop, because there have been times when a stop was skipped even though someone was waiting.

2. Yola Doré spoke about the positive atmosphere on the shuttle during the grocery store trip on Fridays, which includes Ralphs, Pavilions, and Trader Joe's.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Excluded Consent Calendar.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

David Giugni spoke about organizing agency site visits for commissioners; bringing an amended workplan to the Commission at the next meeting; the draft of a new Social Services program brochure, thanking all who worked on it, especially Corey Roskin; a ChemSex town hall being held this week; "Identities, Intersections and Imagination," a forum focused on lesbian/queer women of color; the Senior Valentine Dance; and the upcoming Lesbian Speaker Series program featuring Tig Notaro and Beth Lapidés.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no Public Comment.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Shandrick spoke about challenges faced by chronically homeless women.

Commissioner Palmieri invited people to the ChemSex event and thanked Francisco Gomez for excellent work on Transit Services.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke about inviting a speaker to the Commission who can address isolation.

Commissioner Borelli distributed the West Hollywood Community Housing

Corporation's newsletter.

Commissioner Thomas noted that this is Black History Month, spoke about a need for the City to lead with education and sensitivity training, and spoke about LGBT- and minority-owned businesses.

Vice Chair Davis noted how much the City will miss Corey Roskin, who is retiring, and all Commissioners concurred.

Chair Reback spoke about having missed the last meeting due to caregiving for an older adult, the catastrophic illness of his mother, and the suicide of a close friend. He said these were topics the Human Services Commission should address. He moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of his friend, Chris Jacobs.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

In memory of Chris Jacobs, the Human Services Commission was adjourned at 7:30 pm to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, March 10, 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.

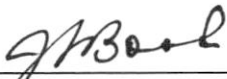
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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF MARCH 2020



Chair

Attest:



Secretary