

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2020
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Reback led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Human Services Commission Secretary Jenny Ivanova took roll call.

PRESENT: Steven Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri
Andrew Reback, Patrick Shandrick,
Marquita Thomas

ABSENT: Sam Borelli

ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Corri Planck, Leslie Isenberg
Derek Murray, Joan Mithers, Katie Egan,
Diane Kahn-Epstein, Jenny Ivanova.

- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
ACTION: Approve the agenda of Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Motion by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
ACTION: Tabled to Tuesday, January 12, 2020.
- E. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Sarah Whitaker introduced herself to Human Services Commissioners as their liaison from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and thanked the Commission members for their work.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:
There were no items under Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
A. YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS 2019-20

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, presented the Year-End Report on Social Services Programs for 2019-2020. He gave a PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of client demographics and service utilization. The Program Administrators gave a brief overview of some of the successes and challenges experienced by the programs they monitor.

Staff commended the agencies for their hard work and creative solutions to the challenges in service provision brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Human Services Commissioners discussed the Year-End Report on Social Services Programs for 2019-2020 and asked questions of the staff and agencies. Commissioners thanked the agencies for providing important services to West Hollywood community members.

Corri Planck, Acting HSRS Director, spoke about the diversity of services supported by the Commission and thanked City staff and agencies for their work on behalf of the West Hollywood community.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION'S 2021 WORK PLAN CALENDAR

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, provided an update on the Commission's work plan for 2021 and shared that the January 2021 LAHSA Homeless Count may be cancelled.

The Human Services Commission began discussion of the 2021 work plan and made some initial recommendations:

- Moving HSC Board and Commission Liaisons to March
- Aging in Place Report
- Dementia Awareness with Public Safety staff
- Caregiving during a pandemic/social isolation and loneliness
- Report on Governor's Master Plan for Aging
- Volunteer Opportunities
- WeHo Arts Presentation
- Presentation on eviction defense from Bet Tzedek
- Measure H funding
- Emergency Funding: food assistance and rental assistance
- Employment Services
- Mental Health Services
- MET Report

ACTION: Received and discussed.

5. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, provided updates regarding the utilization of West Hollywood Emergency Funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator thanked Commissioners for attending the World AIDS Day event.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Reback discussed the importance of eviction defense to protect residents. He participated in the World AIDS Day event and an anti-bias training offered by the Jewish Federation. He congratulated Vice Chair Thomas on her appointment to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Palmieri congratulated Vice Chair Thomas on her appointment to the Planning Commission. He congratulated staff on the success of the Warrior Awards and encouraged everyone to reach out to their friends who may be struggling with substance use during the pandemic to check on their wellbeing.

Commissioner Meltzer appreciated being part of the Warrior Awards. She also congratulated Vice Chair Thomas on her appointment to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Shandrick commented on the upcoming Rent Stabilization and Housing newsletter containing information on the rental assistance programs. He stated that the California Community Foundation will be focused on food insecurity in the next couple of months.

Vice Chair Thomas agreed with the importance of sharing social service resources with residents who are struggling during the pandemic. She commended Chair Davis on his leadership at the World AIDS Day event and thanked Commissioner Reback for calling out names of people who lost their lives to AIDS. Vice Chair Thomas was not sure of her transition date to the Planning Commission, but she thanked the Commission and staff for their incredible work.

Chair Davis congratulated Vice Chair Thomas on her appointment to the Planning Commission and thanked everyone who participated at the World AIDS Day event. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former Human Services Commissioner, Shirley Roberts.

8. ADJOURNMENT

In memory of Shirley Roberts, the Human Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 6:00 pm via WeHoTV teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

DocuSigned by:

Steven Davis, Chair

Chair

Attest:

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Secretary