

**MINUTES  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**\*TELECONFERENCE**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Shandrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

The Oath of Office was administered to Adam Darvish by Councilmember Shyne.

The Oath of Office was administered to Chelsea Byers by Councilmember Erickson.

Councilmember Shyne congratulated newly appointed commissioners.

Councilmember Erickson thanked Jimmy Palmieri for his service and congratulated the commission on their work.

**C. ROLL CALL:** Human Services Commission Secretary Jenny Ivanova took roll call.

**PRESENT:** Sam Borelli, Chelsea Byers, Adam Darvish, Steven Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Patrick Shandrick

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councilmember Shyne, Councilmember Erickson, David Giugni, Corri Planck, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Elizabeth Anderson, Diane Kahn-Epstein, Jenny Ivanova

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Approval of the March 9, 2021 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Shandrick requested Item 3.A be tabled to a future meeting.

**ACTION:** Approval of the March 9, 2021 Meeting Agenda as amended was motioned by Commissioner Shandrick, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved by roll call vote.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the February 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

**ACTION:** Approval of the February 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved by roll call vote, with Commissioner Byers and Commissioner Darvish abstaining.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Alana Roshay, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about a Human Trafficking Training and congratulated newly appointed commissioners.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

There were no items on Consent Calendar.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISONS**

**ACTION:** Tabled to a future meeting as part of Approval of Agenda.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ARTS DIVISION'S PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

The Human Services Commission received a presentation from the City's Arts staff on current projects and initiatives.

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

**B. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

The Human Services Commission received a presentation from the City's contracted agencies that provide employment services. Presentations were provided by staff from the following agencies/programs:

- JVS SoCal
- Trans Can Work
- Los Angeles LGBT Center's Youth program

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

**C. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION TEAM**

The Human Services Commission received an update on the Mental Health

Evaluation Team from Strategic Initiatives Division (SID) staff. SID staff gave a detailed overview of service delivery and impact on the community.

**ACTION: Received and discussed.**

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

There were no items on Excluded Consent Calendar.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, welcomed Commissioner Byers and Commissioner Darvish. He provided an update on the utilization of West Hollywood Emergency Funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The update focused on scheduling vaccine appointments and transportation services available to COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites. He shared information about an upcoming Lesbian Speaker Series event: “REVIVING THE REVOLUTION Empowered Lesbians and Queer Women of Color Read and Discuss Their Written Works”. David provided information on the City of West Hollywood’s Youth Scholarship program. He shared information on the progress of the Social Services tri-lingual brochure.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Davis congratulated new members of the board on their appointments and asked the new members to say a few words about themselves.

Commissioner Darvish shared his immigration story and work experience. He expressed his excitement of being on the commission.

Commissioners Byers provided information about her connection to the City of West Hollywood as well as her work experience. She spoke of Ivy Bottini’s legacy and requested to adjourn in memory of Ivy Bottini.

Commissioner Meltzer welcomed Commissioner Byers and Commissioner Darvish. She shared that she attended a lecture on preparing for a better end and suggested hosting a forum on the topic.

Commissioner Borelli asked that employment services agencies come back every couple of months with an update. He stated how pleased he was about the Social Services tri-lingual brochure going out. He welcomed the new commissioners.

Commissioner Shandrick welcomed Commissioner Byers and Commissioner Darvish. He stated his work at the California Community Foundation has been focusing on a mass vaccination plan for the county.

Chair Davis welcomed the new commissioners. He thanked everyone for a productive meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

In memory of Ivy Bottini, the Human Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 6:00 pm via teleconference/YouTube.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2021.

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