

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021
6:00 PM**

***TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Derek Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Oath of Office was administered to Joy Freiberg by Mayor Horvath.

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

PRESENT: Chelsea Byers, Adam Darvish, Steven Davis, Joy Freiberg, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Horvath, David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray,
Joan Mithers, Katie Egan, Jenny Ivanova

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approval of the May 11, 2021 Meeting Agenda.

Chair Davis requested item 2A be pulled for discussion.

ACTION: Approval of the May 11, 2021 Meeting Agenda as amended was motioned by Commissioner Byers, seconded by Commissioner Darvish, and approved by roll call vote.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the April 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Commissioner Byers noted the misspelling of Duante Wright's name and provided the correct spelling. Approval of the April 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes as amended was motioned by Commissioner Byers, seconded by Commissioner Darvish, and approved by roll call vote with Commissioner Shandrick abstaining.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Danny Huang, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Commissioner Freiberg on her appointment to the Human Services Commission.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. JUNE 2021 HIV PREVENTION MONTH

The Human Services Commission received a report on programming and activities leading to and taking place in June, HIV Prevention Month.

ACTION: This item was moved to excluded consent item 5A.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISONS

The Human Services Commission reviewed the most recent roster of Human Services Commission liaison assignments and updated assignments for the remainder of the year.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

- APLA
- Being Alive
- Jewish Family Service
- Los Angeles LGBT Center
- Step-up on Second

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. TRANS CAN WORK REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

The Human Services Commission received an update on progress toward and plans for meeting agreed upon goals from Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

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ACTION: Received and discussed.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, provided an update on the utilization of West Hollywood Emergency Funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He thanked all the agencies and Program Administrators for their hard work getting these services to our community members.

Leslie Isenberg reminded the Commission that the City Council proclaimed May as Senior Month and shared that the May Senior Advisory Board meeting will be televised.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Yola Dore, liaison from the Disability Advisory Board, congratulated Joy Freiberg on her appointment to the Human Services Commission.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners congratulated Commissioner Freiberg and thanked the presenters and staff.

Commissioner Meltzer attended the Senior Advisory Board meeting. She encouraged everyone to attend Senior Advisory Board Meeting this month, which will be televised and will have a presentation by Maureen Feldman, an expert on social isolation and loneliness.

Commissioner Darvish talked about the City's Pet Memorial Survey. He shared that he attended a Virtual Town Hall event on law enforcement interactions with people who have mental health conditions or developmental disabilities.

Commissioner Byers thanked everyone for a great conversation on Mental Health.

Commissioner Shandrick acknowledged WeHo Cares and the visibility given to Senior Month.

Commissioner Freiberg thanked the City Council for appointing her to the Human Services Commission. She thanked Commissioner Borelli for this work on this Commission. She asked to place Dementia related issues on a future agenda.

Vice Chair Palmieri spoke in favor of City's Pet Memorial.

Chair Davis noted that the Human Services Commission is a full commission once again.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:51p.m. to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm via teleconference/YouTube.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 8TH DAY OF JUNE 2021.

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Steven Davis, Chair

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Jenny Ivanova

Secretary
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