

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021
6:00 PM**

***TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. 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: David Giugni, Derek Murray, Joan Mithers, Katie Egan, Jenny Ivanova

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: Approval of the June 8, 2021 Meeting Agenda.

Chair Davis requested item 3A be moved to 4B.

ACTION: Approval of the June 8, 2021 Meeting Agenda as amended was motioned by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Shandrick, and approved by roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

SUBJECT: Approval of the May 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Approval of the May 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Commissioner Darvish, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved by roll call vote.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

DANIELLE WILSON, on behalf of Unite Here 11, spoke regarding the proposed hotel worker ordinance.

**The following speakers required Spanish interpretation which was provided by Christina Sanchez **

ESPERANZA SERNAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the proposed hotel worker ordinance in support of housekeeping.

SANDRA PELLECCER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her experience working at the Standard Hotel as a cook for 16 years and spoke regarding the proposed hotel worker ordinance in support of housekeeping.

F. PRESENTATION:

SUBJECT: The City Council and staff made welcoming remarks to start the Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the CDC announcing the first cases of AIDS. A panel discussion followed and focused on advancement of HIV medications, and development of an HIV vaccine and cure. Panelists included:

- Dr. Jay Gladstein, Medical Director, APLA Health
- Phoebe Barnum, APLA Health
- Jerome (Jay) Ferrell, Being Alive

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

There are no items under Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. TITLE: TRANS CAN WORK REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

ACTION: This item was moved to 4B.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. TITLE: 2020-21 Midyear Report on Social Services Programs

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission received a presentation from the Social Services staff on the 2020-21 Midyear Report on Social Services Programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ashley Weinberger introduced herself to Commissioners as the new Director of Programs at Friends Research Institute.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. TITLE: TRANS CAN WORK REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator introduced Celia Daniels, Chief Programs Officer, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Trans Can Work programs and answered follow-up questions. Jovan Wolf, Workforce Development Manager, provided additional information on staffing.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There are no items under Excluded Consent.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Joan Mithers, Social Services Program Administrator shared that the Recovery Center is working with the city to fully reopen by June 15th.

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, encouraged everyone to complete the HIV Zero Survey on Stigma. He shared that staff is assisting providers with participation in the "OUT on Robertson" pilot program. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, HIV & STD Division, distributed HIV self-test kits and other prevention materials. In addition, Aids Healthcare Foundation was also distributing kits.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following speaker required Spanish interpretation which was provided by Liliana Hernandez

NORMA HERNANDEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her employment at the Mondrian as a housekeeper and spoke in support for the hotel worker ordinance.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Shandrick thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Commissioner Freiberg thanked the panelists. for their touching personal stories. She thanked the Social Services team and Trans Can Work staff. She encouraged staff to continue to share information on free mental health services that are available. Lastly, she expressed her desire for the city to provide N95 masks for all.

Commissioner Meltzer attended the Senior Advisory Board meeting, where she observed a presentation from Kimiko Kelly, Director of the Arts, Wellness & Engagement Program at Jewish Family Service. She asked staff to place this presentation on JFS programing on a future agenda.

Commissioner Byers thanked everyone for a great panel discussion. She encourages everyone to promote this meeting recording. She thanked staff and presenters. She wishes everyone a Happy Pride.

Commissioner Darvish thanked all the presenters and staff for the panel discussion. He expressed his gratitude for the vulnerability the panelist showed.

Vice Chair Palmieri reported that he toured the Westwood Recovery Center with fellow Commissioner Byers and Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board Member Gamboa, and he also toured the CAST facility. He reported that he participated in the Substance Abuse Providers meeting. He wished everyone a Happy Pride month.

Chair Davis thanked everyone for a great panel and meeting. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the people we lost during the AIDS and COVID-19 pandemics.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:11p.m. in memory of the people we lost during the AIDS and COVID-19 pandemics to its next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:00 pm via teleconference/YouTube.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 13TH DAY OF JULY 2021.

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Steven Davis, Chair

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Secretary