

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 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: Commissioner Meltzer 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, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Francisco Gomez, Douglas Nguyen, Katie Egan, Corri Planck, Elizabeth Anderson and Jenny Ivanova

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: Approval of the July 13, 2021 Meeting Agenda.

ACTION: Approval of the July 13, 2021 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Byers, and approved by roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Yola Doré, liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board, shared that the 23rd Annual Disability Service Awards is currently accepting nominations. She provided information on a fundraiser that Project Angel Food will be hosting titled "Lead with Love" which will be broadcasted on KTLA at 7pm.

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2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

There are no items under Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. TRANS CAN WORK REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, provided a brief update on Trans Can Work. He introduced Jovan Wolf, Workforce Development Manager, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on Trans Can Work's progress toward program goals and answered follow-up questions.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD HOMELESS INITIATIVE: 2021 UPDATE ON FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND REVIEW OF SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Human Services Commission received an update on the City of West Hollywood Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness in Our Community from Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager; Elizabeth Anderson, Program Administrator with the Strategic Initiatives Division; and Katie Egan, Program Administrator with the Social Services Division. The Human Services Commission discussed the item and asked questions of staff.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. CITYLINE AND DAR PROGRAM UPDATE

The Human Services Commission received an update from Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, on Cityline and Dial-A-Ride. A PowerPoint presentation included information about each service's ridership and cost. Staff shared results of a survey that gathered information on the use of the City's transit services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Human Services Commission discussed the item and asked questions of staff.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

C. WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY NAMING REQUEST

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, gave a brief introduction on the West Hollywood Library Naming Request. The Human Services Commission provided input as solicited by the City's Public Facilities Commission (PFC) and took a vote on the item.

ACTION: Motion by Chair Palmeri to vote on the item as a yes or no only in support or opposition of the process of the naming request for the West Hollywood Library, seconded by Commissioner Shandrick, and approved 4 to 2, with Commissioner Meltzer abstaining.

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5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There are no items under Excluded Consent.

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 shared information from Agencies that are transitioning out of Emergency Funding.

- JFS is transitioning out of delivering meals using transit delivery and is starting to offer in person grab and go lunches available for walk-up at Plummer Park.
- Project Angel Food will not be accepting new clients that don't meet their eligibility criteria.
- SOVA began distributing packaged meals for Seniors on July 2nd and will continue every first and third Friday of the month at the 801 King's Road from 9am to 11am. Pico/Robertson location is now open on Monday and Thursday from 10am to 1:30pm.

Staff requested data from the Center's Sexual Health program on PEP access among West Hollywood community members. There were 27 PEP visits from March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021.

The Social Services budget for FY22, which includes a 2% COLA, was approved at the June 21, 2021, City Council Meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Meltzer attended a COVID-19 Wellbeing panel discussion and encouraged everyone to watch it.

Commissioner Darvish shared that he registered for the City of West Hollywood's Racial Justice conversation with Dr. Robin DiAngelo. He stated how wonderful it was to see everyone celebrate Pride but reminded all that the pandemic is still present.

Commissioner Byers thanked everyone for a great Pride Month. She attended a virtual event called "A Conversation on Equity and Public Safety" featuring Constance "Connie" Rice and encouraged everyone to watch it. She met with Erin Seinfeld, representative for LA County Supervisor District 3. She shared her concern about public funding being cut for services. She explained her vote behind the naming of the library process. Lastly, she asked to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of those whose bodies are being discovered buried at residential schools across Canada.

Commissioner Shandrlick thanked everyone for a great discussion and expressed concern about the upcoming Hotel Ordinance.

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Commissioner Freiberg encouraged staff to continue to share information on free mental health services. Lastly, she expressed her desire for the city to provide N95 masks for all.

Vice Chair Palmieri reassured the public that City funding for Social Services is not being cut.

Chair Davis thanked everyone for a great meeting. He assured everyone that funding for Social Services was not at stake. He requested this meeting be adjourned in memory of Bernice Levin.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:14p.m. in memory of those whose bodies are being discovered buried at residential schools across Canada and Bernice Levin to its next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:00 pm via teleconference/YouTube.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE
10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2021.**

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Steven Davis, Chair

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