

**MINUTES  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022  
6:00 PM**

**PLUMMER PARK, ROOMS 5&6  
7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD.  
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90046**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Palmieri called the meeting to order at 6:02PM

**A. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Adam Darvish, Steven Davis, Joy Freiberg, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri.

**STAFF:** David Giugni, Derek Murray, Dee Saunders

**ABSENT:** Sam Borelli, Chelsea Byers

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – David Giugni, Social Services Manager, led the pledge of allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Human Services Commission approved the meeting agenda for October 11, 2022. **Motioned by Vice Chair Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved unanimously.**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Human Services Commission approved the minutes of the September 13, 2022, Human Services Commission meeting. **Motioned by Vice Chair Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Freiberg and approved, noting an abstention from Commissioner Darvish.**

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. 2022-23 AGENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Human Services Commission received a report on the Agency Development funds Request for Proposal (RFP).

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS PRESENTATION**

The Human Services Commission received an update from Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison for the City of West Hollywood, regarding the City's legislative priorities and activities.

**ACTION:** Received presentation and discussed.

Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison, provided the Commission with an update and invited them to attend an upcoming community forum. He also informed them of ways the City continues to meet to discuss upcoming legislation and how it may impact the City of West Hollywood and its constituents.

Commissioner Darvish thanked Mr. Molina for his hard work in helping prioritize legislation for the city of West Hollywood.

Vice Chair Meltzer asked for clarification on those involved in the process of determining the legislation to prioritize.

Chair Palmieri inquired about the different bills that are being supported.

Victor Omelczenko spoke in support of Mr. Molina's work on legislation. He also spoke on tenant rights and affordable housing legislation.

Hernan Molina provided the Commission with an explanation on tenants in common. He also provided background information on achieving this bill.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. 2022 SOCIAL SERVICES RFP DEBRIEF**

The Human Service Commission discussed the 2022 RFP process and made suggestions for improvements for the future.

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, detailed the RFP process timeline.

Commissioner Davis expressed disagreement with the way the City wants to handle Public Hearing notification and the Bidders' Conference.

Chair Palmieri agreed and wished the new Commissioners had an opportunity to attend to understand the process. He expressed his frustration with the process.

Vice Chair Meltzer expressed her disappointment in not being able to reach out to the public to inform and engage them in the process.

Commissioner Freiberg shared her frustration regarding the questions she submitted for the agencies being changed and recommended that staff ask for clarification instead of making assumptions. She addressed the minutes not reflecting the details of funding adjustment and asked about

the Commission being informed of an applicant withdrawing from the RFP process. Lastly, she talked about the Commission understanding how funding is determined and where the money is coming from.

Commissioner Davis shared in Commissioner Freiberg's frustration during the RFP process.

Commissioner Darvish shared his thoughts on the RFP process and recommended the Commission having more time to review proposals and understanding the role of the Commission in the process if ultimately the decision is for Council to make.

Commissioner Davis talked about Staff recommendations and Commission recommendations differing and Staff's position on their recommendations.

Chair Palmieri spoke on the need to have public commenters, both in support of and addressing difficulties with agencies, and how it does not affect his vote. He addressed the budget and the difference in recommendations. He also expressed his frustration with the RFP process this cycle.

Commissioner Freiberg addressed the swaying of the vote for an applicant.

Andy Sacher, JVS WeHo Works, thanked the Commission for full funding recommendation and noted the changes the agency can implement as a result. He spoke on inflation versus the City's 2% COLA.

Victor Omelczenko spoke in support of the social services budget being increased and the services provided. He mentioned his interest in homeless services.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Derek Murray, Program Administrator, recognized October as Disabilities Awareness Month and invited the Commission to attend the Disabilities Advisory Board's virtual Service Awards. He also invited everyone to the Pop-Up Clinic for flu and covid vaccination. Lastly, he shared the last day of the MPX clinic is October 14th and thanked the LA County staff for their work.

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, invited the Commission to attend the LA County Virtual Town Hall on Fentanyl on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Dee Saunders, Social Services Specialist, asked the Commission to share with the public the upcoming Kids Fair on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Victor Omelczenko, resident, spoke on Mr. Molina’s presentation and requested that meetings remain accessible via Zoom for public to attend. He recognized the meeting date as Girl Day and wished David Giugni well in his retirement.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Davis thanked David Giugni for his service and dedication to his work and wished him well in his retirement. He asked to adjourned the meeting in memory of Michael Arrigo.

Commissioner Darvish thanked David Giugni for his work and wished him the best in retirement. He thanked the public commenters for their attendance. He also spoke on accessibility of meeting now that we are back in person and honored Disabilities Awareness Month.

Commissioner Freiberg addressed a public comment Chair Palmieri made during the Council meeting on the Commission’s recommendations. Lastly, she thanked David Giugni for his service to the City and wished him well in retirement.


Vice Chair Meltzer shared she attended the Senior Advisory Board meeting and sent congratulations to the City for SCAN for Aging in Place / Aging in Work. She also shared she will be participating in Kids Fair and wished David Giugni well in his retirement.

Chair Palmieri asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Michael Arrigo. He asked about World AIDS Day and recognized today as National Coming Out Day. Lastly, he wished David Giugni well into his retirement.

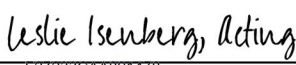
**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:00PM to its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 6 pm at the Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5 & 6, located at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2022.

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