

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022
6:00 PM**

***TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Palmieri called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Sam Borelli, Chelsea Byers, Adam Darvish, Steven Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri

ABSENT: Joy Freiberg

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Borelli led the pledge.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Approval of the April 26, 2022 meeting agenda was **motioned by Vice-Chair Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and approved by roll call vote.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Yola Dore, West Hollywood resident, spoke about the funded agencies and the great job they do with offering services for seniors, including food, counseling, transportation, and case management. She thanked everyone for the work that they do.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Giugni, Social Services Division Manager, requested to table approval of the April 12, 2022 minutes until the next meeting on May 10, 2022.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. BLOCK BY BLOCK SECURITY AMBASSADORS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Shea Gibson, Block by Block, spoke about the Block by Block Security Ambassador Program and the services offered to the community.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FUNDING PRIORITIES DISCUSSION AND 2022 RFP DOCUMENT APPROVAL

The Human Services Commission reviewed the funding priorities and the RFP

document.

ACTION: Approve the RFP document as amended by Commissioner Meltzer to include Social Isolation and Loneliness as a funding priority. **Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Darvish, and approved by roll call vote.**

The Commission took a 10-minute recess from 6:40-6:50 to address technical difficulties in the live telecast.

B. PREPARATION FOR THE 2022-2025 RFP FUNDING PROCES

Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, presented a training on the Exhibit B: Budget Justification document, a required component of proposals submitted in response to the 2022-25 Social Services Request for Proposal (RFP).

ACTION: Received presentation and discussed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni spoke about funding for the various transit programs, such as Dial-a-Ride and its transition to a proposed micro transit program. He announced that more information would be provided at the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 10.

Derek Murray, Social Services Administrator, mentioned that the Addiction Recovery Services Program at the Los Angeles LGBT Center is now called Substance Use Recovery Services and the new Program Manager is Allen Montes.

Leslie Isenberg spoke about the calendar of events coming up for Older Adult Month in May and mentioned that the calendar is on the May 2, 2022, City Council meeting agenda. Once approved, the calendar will be provided to the Commission.

David Giugni provided information on mask and social distancing requirements for the upcoming in-person meetings.

Dee Saunders, Social Services Specialist, commented on Commissioner Byers' remarks about the Meet Me in the Park event and invited the Commission to come join the discussion at the Lesbian Speaker Series panel.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Byers mentioned Queer Women/Lesbian Visibility Week and spoke about the Meet Us in the Park event coming up on Saturday, April 30. She also expressed concerns about the lack of mask requirements in indoor settings.

Commissioner Borelli expressed concerns about the lack of mask requirements for the in-person meetings and requested appropriate spacing measures be implemented. He spoke about the Land Acknowledgement and asked for an explanation on why it was added to the

agenda. He commended the City on its efforts to provide valuable services.

Commissioner Davis commented that he is looking forward to the in-person meetings.

Vice-Chair Meltzer thanked staff for going over the RFP document and spoke about the aging conference that she attended in New Orleans. She spoke about ageism and noted that certain words aren't used anymore to describe people of a certain age.


Commissioner Darvish thanked the Social Services team for the presentation and spoke about his recent trip to Washington, D.C. with medical professionals.

Chair Palmieri expressed that he would also like to have an explanation on the purpose of the Land Acknowledgement and requested staff make accommodations for seating, security, and air circulation during the in-person meetings.

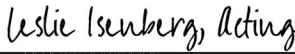
9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:03 pm to its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6 pm in rooms 5 & 6 at Plummer Park.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 26TH DAY OF APRIL 2022.

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