

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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 pm.

A. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Joy Freiberg

STAFF: Leslie Isenberg, Francisco Gomez, Dee Saunders, Joyce Britton, Melissa Crowder

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chelsea Byers led the pledge.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the meeting agenda for November 8, 2022. **Motioned by Commissioner Byers, seconded by Vice Chair Meltzer and approved unanimously.**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Human Services Commission meeting.

Motioned by Vice-Chair Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved, noting abstentions from Commissioners Borelli and Byers and changes requested by Chair Palmieri.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. WORLD AIDS DAY 2022 COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMMING

The Human Services Commission received a report from Dee Saunders, Social Services Specialist, on World AIDS Day programming and was

invited to participate in the presentation of the Paul Andrew Starke Warrior Awards. The awards will be at the ARC at 6:30PM on December 1, 2022. Ten honorees will be recognized for their work in HIV/AIDS prevention and care. Staff will follow-up with the Commission and Council to coordinate the presentation of the awards.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE FOR THE WEHO PICKUP

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, provided an update on The Pickup, the City of West Hollywood's nightlife entertainment trolley service, focused on the program's first year since its relaunch in October 2021.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Human Services Commission elected a Chair and Vice-Chair for the term ending in November 2023 in an election conducted by Melissa Crowder, City Clerk.

Chair Palmieri motioned to nominate Vice-Chair Meltzer as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Borelli and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Chair Palmieri motioned to nominate Commissioner Byers as Vice-Chair, seconded by Vice-Chair Meltzer and **APPROVED** unanimously.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Leslie Isenberg, Acting Social Services Manager, reminded the Commission that the Los Angeles LGBT Center will be holding a memorial service recognizing residents who have recently passed away. The service will be held at the Ariadne Getty Senior Housing building this Friday, November 11th at 3:00PM. Among those being remembered is Michael Arrigo, former West Hollywood community member and former Disabilities Advisory Board member.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Darvish reminded the Commission about Homeless Youth Month and Native American Heritage Month. He acknowledged Election Night and spoke about how seeing some of the candidates made him feel proud to serve the city.

Commissioner Borelli spoke to the RFP process and stated that he thought the process overall was positive, but that it was a missed opportunity to not have

the Commissioners attend the Bidder's Conference. He stated that he felt Commissioners should have been able to actively publicize the Public Hearing.

Vice-Chair Byers expressed thanks for being elected as Vice-Chair and expressed appreciation to Jimmy Palmieri and Barbara Meltzer for their leadership this past year. She spoke to the RFP process and the importance of informing the community about the process.

Commissioner Davis expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Palmieri. He stated that tonight is his 29th anniversary on the Commission. He expressed concern about term limits for Commissioners. Melissa Crowder spoke to the process for being on a Commission or Advisory Board.


Chair Meltzer expressed her thanks for being elected as Chair of the Commission. She spoke about attending the Senior Advisory Board meeting and encouraged them to address ageism in their workplan.

Commissioner Palmieri thanked staff for their support. He wished all the candidates great luck with today's election. He stated #BOOM would not be taking place this year. He talked about future sober events.

9. ADJOURNMENT


The Human Services Commission adjourned at 6:50 pm to its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 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 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2022.

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Liaison

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