

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 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: Commissioner Meltzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Oath of Office was administered to Jimmy Palmieri by Larissa Fooks.

C. ROLL CALL: Human Services Commission Secretary Jenny Ivanova took roll call.

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

ABSENT: Patrick Shandrick

ALSO PRESENT: Larissa Fooks, Leslie Isenberg, Jenny Ivanova, Corri Planck.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approval of the April 13, 2021 Meeting Agenda.

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

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the March 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Approval of the March 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes as amended was motioned by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Darvish, and approved by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sam Borelli, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about his service on this Commission and thanked Councilmembers, Commissioners and Staff.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. SENIOR MONTH PROGRAMMING 2021

The Human Services Commission received information on activities taking place during May in recognition of Senior Month.

ACTION: Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The Human Services Commission received a presentation from Eden Anai Luna of the Los Angeles LGBT Center's Transgender Economic Empowerment Project on employment services provided to West Hollywood community members. Luna introduced Owen Monkemeier as the newest staff attorney at Los Angeles LGBT Center.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. CALIFORNIA MASTER PLAN FOR AGING AND CONNECTIVITY TO WEST HOLLYWOOD'S AGING IN PLACE / AGING IN COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

The Human Services Commission received an update on the California Master Plan for Aging and Connectivity to West Hollywood's Aging in Place / Aging in Community Initiative. Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager, introduced Donna Benton, PhD who spoke on her involvement in the California Master Plan for Aging (MPA), focusing on the importance of municipalities connecting to the MPA local playbook, and the MPA equity and inclusion work among older adults. California Commission on Aging (CCOA) Commissioner Joseph Cislowski gave a PowerPoint presentation on the CCOA priorities for the Master Plan for Aging.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Human Services Commission elected a new Vice Chair for the term ending in November 2021.

ACTION: Commissioner Meltzer nominated Commissioner Palmieri to be Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Palmieri was unanimously elected Vice Chair by roll-call vote.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no items on Excluded Consent Calendar.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Leslie Isenberg, Acting Social Services Manager, provided an update on the utilization of West Hollywood Emergency Funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She shared that the Public Safety Commission requested a presentation from the Los Angeles LGBT Center on domestic violence/intimate partner violence, which is scheduled for their May 10th meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Meltzer attended the Senior Advisory Board meeting, observed a presentation by the Recreation Services Division, and asked staff to invite Recreation Services to present to this Commission. She shared information about the Recreation Services Division's new publication *Community Connection*. Commissioner Meltzer spoke regarding a recent LACCOA panel she attended on the topic of HIV and Aging. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Rocky La Fleur.

Vice Chair Palmieri asked staff when agenda packets will be delivered in the future. He thanked all five Councilmembers for their at large vote. He shared information about the availability of free feminine products. He expressed his excitement about working with all the Commissioners.

Commissioner Darvish expressed gratitude for the work this commission. He thanked Commissioner Meltzer for reaching out to him.

Commissioners Byers thanked Commissioner Meltzer for reaching out and thanked Commissioner Borelli for this work on this Commission. She welcomed Vice Chair Palmieri back. She asked to take a moment and acknowledge the tragedy and the collective outrage that is unfolding across the country at the wrongful killing of Duante Wright in Minneapolis.

Chair Davis agreed with Commissioner Byers. He thanked Commissioner Borelli and Commissioner Reback for their service.

9. ADJOURNMENT

In memory of Rocky La Fleur, the Human Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 6:00 pm via teleconference/YouTube.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 11TH
DAY OF MAY 2021.

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Steven Davis, Chair
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Chair

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Leslie Isenberg
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