

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021
6:00 PM**

***TELECONFERENCE**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENT: Sam Borelli, Steven Davis, Barbara Meltzer,
Jimmy Palmieri, Andrew Reback, Patrick Shandrick

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Jenny Ivanova

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Approval of the February 9, 2021 Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Approval of the February 9, 2021 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Borelli, to approve the February 9, 2021 agenda as amended, and approved by roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of the January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Approval of the January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved by roll call vote, with Vice Chair Palmieri abstaining.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mike Rizzo, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the Cast Alignment Model (CAM).

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:
There were no items on Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There were no items on Unfinished Business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON THE GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON RACE AND EQUITY (GARE) AND REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES UTILIZATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF COLOR DURING THE 2019-20 CONTRACT YEAR

The Human Services Commission received a report on the City's GARE Program, which included demographic data regarding service utilization by community members of color. Commissioners discussed the item and asked for additional information on the nine GARE Teams and for a comparison of data reported in the Community Study.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. UPDATE ON THE CITY'S AGING IN PLACE/AGING IN COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Strategic Initiatives Division staff gave an update on efforts to advance the City's Aging in Place/Aging in Community Initiative. This included the following:

- The provision of direct services to older adult community members.
- The work of the City's contracted non-profit agencies during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The collaboration with county and state partners to address regional issues related to older adults.

Commissioners discussed the item and inquired about transportation services available to get community members to vaccine appointments.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

C. ON-CALL TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the On-Call Transportation Program. This included passenger trips, program costs, and complaints received from transit users.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no items on Excluded Consent Calendar.

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. The update focused on scheduling vaccine appointments and transportation services available to COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites. He shared information on the progress of the Social Services tri-lingual brochure.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Reback thanked staff for the presentations. He expressed his gratitude for being on this Commission. He stated the importance of sharing information on vaccines.

Commissioner Shandrlick attended the West Hollywood City Council Finance & Budget Subcommittee meeting, shared how fortunate the City was with its ability to fund many Social Services programs, and expressed the importance of continuing to provide Emergency Funds. He stated that the California Community Foundation has been focusing on a mass vaccination plan for the county.

Commissioner Borelli shared the process the Palm Springs City Council uses for Public Comment.

Commissioner Meltzer thanked staff for their hard work. She attended the Children’s Roundtable as well as the Senior Advisory Board meeting.

Vice Chair Palmieri asked for additional information on the CAST Alignment Model program. He encouraged everyone to wear masks and shared information on the CalFresh and Rental Assistance programs.

Chair Davis congratulated Vice Chair Palmieri on his new role. He asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Tom West who was a dear friend and former City employee.

9. ADJOURNMENT

In memory of Tom West, The Human Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm via teleconference/YouTube.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 9TH DAY OF MARCH 2021.

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Steven Davis, Chair
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Chair

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