

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

***TELECONFERENCE
MEETING**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6pm.
- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – David Giugni, Social Services Manager, led the pledge.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chelsea Byers, Adam Darvish, Steven Davis, Joy Freiberg, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick

STAFF: David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Francisco Gomez, Doug Nguyen, DeeA'na Saunders

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission approved the meeting agenda for November 9, 2021.

ACTION: Motioned by Commissioner Darvish, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission approved the minutes of the October 12, 2021, Human Services Commission meeting, noting corrections from Commissioner Meltzer to item 4A and Commissioner Freiberg to item 8.

ACTION: Motioned by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Darvish, and approved with an abstention from Commissioner Shandrick.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dean Ambrosini, West Hollywood Institute for Public Strategies, invited the Commission to attend a webinar on integrating harm reduction into prevention efforts and addressing the stigma around harm reduction.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. WORLD AIDS DAY 2021 COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMMING

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission received a report on the

programming commemorating World AIDS Day 2021.

ACTION: Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOCUSING ON COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF COLOR

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission received a presentation from Maroon Society detailing the scope of work and timeline for the Needs Assessment Focusing on Community Members of Color.

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, provided the Commission with background information on the Needs Assessment.

Aaron Celious, Director of Research & Strategy, Maroon Society, introduced his team and they all provided information on their approach to conducting the Needs Assessment Focusing on Community Members of Color.

ACTION: Received presentation and discussed.

B. ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE PICKUP NIGHTLIFE ENTERTAINMENT TROLLEY PROGRAM

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission received an update on The PickUp, the City of West Hollywood's nightlife entertainment trolley service, focused on the service's relaunch.

Francisco Gomez and Doug Nguyen, Transportation Program Administrators, provided background information and performance metrics as highlighted in the staff report dated November 9, 2021.

ACTION: Received report and discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission elected Jimmy Palmieri as Chair for the term ending in November 2022.

ACTION: Motioned by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Shandrick and approved unanimously.

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission elected Barbara Meltzer as Vice-Chair for the term ending in November 2022.

ACTION: Motioned by Commissioner Byers, seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved unanimously.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, provided an update on service provision in response to COVID-19. He introduced and welcomed DeeA'na Saunders, Social Services Specialist, the newest member of the Social Services team. He invited everyone to the virtual Paul Starke Warrior Awards ceremony. Lastly, Mr. Giugni spoke about an upcoming presentation to the Commission at their December meeting on the Syringe Services program from Being Alive.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Darvish thanked outgoing Chair Davis for his service and leadership on the Commission and in the community. He congratulated the new Chair and Vice-Chair and the Commission for their work. He acknowledged November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month and paid respects to colleagues.

Commissioner Meltzer thanked Chair Davis for his work and leadership during these unprecedented times. She spoke about Steven Reigns' Book Soup event on December 3rd. Lastly, she addressed staff about the language used in surveys.

Commissioner Shandrick thanked Chair Davis for his work and service with the Commission and congratulated the new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Palmieri thanked the Commission for their support and Chair Davis for his service. He also asked for clarification of COVID-19 assistance provided by the City. He talked about the BOOM! virtual event. Lastly, Vice-Chair Palmieri talked about his attendance at a Being Alive meeting on harm reduction and encouraged the Commission to input the names of loved ones to AIDSWatch.org who passed from AIDS.

Commissioner Byers thanked Chair Davis for his leadership and expressed her thankfulness to the new Chair and Vice-Chair. She also spoke on her attendance to both Councilmember Erickson and Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne's monthly community engagement events and encouraged commissioners to attend. Lastly, Commissioner Byers talked about her attendance at the Public Safety Commission meeting.

Commissioner Freiberg asked for a copy of the COVID-19 Emergency Response statistics shared by David Giugni. She congratulated the incoming Chair and Vice-Chair. She thanked Chair Davis for his service and congratulated him on his retirement. Lastly, Commissioner Freiberg thanked the presenters and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chair Davis thanked the Commission and Staff for their support during his time as Chair. He wished the incoming Chair and Vice-Chair good luck.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 7:30pm to its next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:00pm via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

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Steven Davis, Chair

Chair

Attest:

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Leslie Iseberg

Liaison