

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021
6:00 PM**

***TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Adam Darvish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Patrick Shandrick

STAFF: David Giugni, Derek Murray, Corri Planck, Elizabeth Anderson, Jenny Ivanova

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission approved the meeting agenda for October 12, 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 September 14, 2021, Human Services Commission meeting.

ACTION: **Motioned by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Vice-Chair Palmieri and approved unanimously.**

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kerri Balbone of the Public Safety Commission introduced herself to the Human Services Commission as the new liaison, and stated she and Nika Soon-shiong will share liaison duties. She looks forward to working with the Commission.

Yola Doré, liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board, shared that October is Disabilities Awareness Month. The Disabilities Advisory Board's annual televised meeting and awards ceremony will take place on

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Wednesday, October 27, and the Free Outdoor Flu and COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic will take place at Plummer Park on Thursday, October 21, 2021.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. AGENCY DEVELOPMENT RFP

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission will receive a report on the Agency Development funds Request for Proposal (RFP).

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B. UPDATE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S LBQ WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission will receive an update on the work of the Los Angeles County Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Women's Health Collaborative from July 2020 through June 2021.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON THE RESIDENTIAL EVICTION MORATORIUM AND COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

SUBJECT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Jonathan Holub provided information on the Residential Eviction Moratorium. He stated that the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program could be found at housingiskey.com. David Giugni, Social Services Manager, provided an update on the COVID-19 emergency rental assistance program.

ACTION: Received presentation and discussed.

B. REPORT ON THE CITY'S AGING IN PLACE/AGING IN COMMUNITY INITIATIVE---SERVICE AND SUPPORT TO OLDER ADULTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: Corri Plank, Manager, and Elizabeth Anderson, Program Administrator for the Strategic Initiatives Division, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting year four data of the Aging in Place/Aging in Community Initiative. They discussed progress toward implementation goals and how the City responded to support the community, specifically older adults, in navigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACTION: Received presentation and discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST TO INSTALL A MEMORIAL IN REMEMBRANCE OF LIVES LOST TO SUICIDE IN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission will provide feedback on the

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request from City Council to install a memorial for the lives lost to suicide in the LGBTQ+ community at a park space in West Hollywood.

Social Services Manager David Giugni provided background information and Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, provided feedback from City contracted partners.

Commissioner Darvish spoke in favor of item 4.A., and suggested Plummer Park as the location.

Commissioner Byers spoke in favor of item 4.A., and suggested locations for reflection such as Laurel Park and Kings Road Park. She also suggested including information about a suicide prevention line at the chosen location.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke on item 4.A.

Vice-Chair Palmieri had mixed feelings about item 4.A. and suggested additional studies.

Chair Davis spoke in favor of item 4.A.

Commissioner Freiberg requested more information on this topic and asked whether other cities have similar programs and studies.

ACTION: Received presentation and discussed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There are no items under Excluded Consent.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, invited the Human Services Commission to attend this year's Free Outdoor Flu and COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic hosted in partnership with Cedars-Sinai. He stated that appointments are encouraged. The Flu Vaccination Clinic will take place on Thursday, October 21, 2021, from 10 am to 1 pm at Plummer Park. He shared information on Being Alive's Syringe Services Program called "Saved." He stated that he was gathering data on the Fentanyl information Commissioner Freiberg requested. David Giugni, Social Services Manager, provided background information on Being Alive's Syringe Services Program and its success, and commended the Commission on their involvement with this program.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Meltzer shared her attendance at a presentation to Justice in Aging. She joined the JFS AWE Program and attended improv classes. She shared that the West Hollywood Library will be hosting a soft opening for their Bookstore on October 16.

Commissioner Darvish spoke about Afghanistan refugees that relocated to California and requested that information on resources for immigrants/refugees be brought to the Commission. He asked staff to investigate green space for older adults.

Commissioner Freiberg asked staff to provide information on Social Services and Rent Stabilization services available to residents to all property management offices in West Hollywood.

Commissioner Byers shared her attendance at a Public Safety Commission meeting. She spoke of the importance of public safety and sharing information on the available services offered to residents.

Vice-Chair Palmieri shared that City Council approved additional funds for this year's BOOM, a live broadcast extravaganza, and provided further event details. He asked staff for Fentanyl test strips for distribution.

Chair Davis discussed refugees and homelessness. He reminded the Commission that there would be an election for Chair and Vice-Chair at the November meeting. He informed everyone that he had retired.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:03 pm to its next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6 pm via teleconference.

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

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Steven Davis, Chair

Chair

Attest:

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Leslie Iseberg

Liaison