

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
6:00 PM**

**PLUMMER PARK
ROOMS 5 & 6
7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Meltzer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Sarah Adolphson, Sam Borelli, Steven Davis, Karen Eyres, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri

ABSENT: Anne-Marie Williams

STAFF: Corri Planck, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Maribel Ulloa, Dee Saunders, Michelle Liberman, Joyce Britton

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Benjamin Kaska led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the meeting agenda for September 12, 2023. **Motioned by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Vice-Chair Eyres and approved unanimously.**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 Human Services Commission meeting. **Motioned by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Vice-Chair Eyres and approved unanimously with Commissioners Adolphson and Borelli abstaining.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. HEALTHCARE IN ACTION PRESENTATION

The Human Services Commission received a presentation on Healthcare in Action's first year of contracted service with the City of West Hollywood.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

The Human Services Commission, in recognition of September as National Recovery Month, received a presentation on the City's contracted substance use treatment programs.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

C. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

The Human Services Commission received an update on the activities and programs planned in recognition of Disabilities Awareness Month in October 2023.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

D. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

The Human Services Commission discussed Commission and Advisory Board liaison assignments.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

5. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke about the Lesbian Speaker Series that will take place on September 19th at Council Chambers, featuring speaker SdotNoel.

Staff spoke about the Warrior Awards hosted by the Human Services Division and the Human Services Commission on November 30th at 7pm at City Council Chambers.

Staff spoke about the contract renewals for the 2023-24 contract year and mentioned the efforts being made to continue working with Friends Research Institute, who opted not to renew their contract with the City of West Hollywood.

Staff mentioned the distribution of supplies and highlighted staff who contributed those efforts.

Staff spoke about the Holloway Hotel and the collaborative work being done with the Homeless Initiative and partner agencies. Staff asked the Commission to call 323-848-6590 to be connected with services and refer that line to anyone who could benefit.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fin, a West Hollywood resident, spoke about the services that she has to offer with connecting people to services and helping to resolve hostile situations in a

creative way. She spoke about responding with a troubleshooting method and provided examples of how her methods have worked.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Davis motioned to adjourn in memory of John Altshul.

Commissioner Palmieri spoke about the campaign for the Tweakers Project.

Vice-Chair Eyres spoke about the Congress of Commissions and Advisory Boards and other events that she attended, including the Art Show. She mentioned Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week and provided the number to the Suicide Crisis Hotline (988).

Commissioner Borelli asked staff about the setup of the Commissioners in the meeting and informed the Commission that he will not be able to attend the Disabilities Awareness Month Awards on October 18th.

Commissioner Adolphson mentioned that she will miss the Disabilities Awareness Month Awards, but will watch remotely.

Chair Meltzer asked staff if she could send out the toolkit to the Commission and staff informed her to send it to staff and they will provide it to the Commission.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned in memory of John Altshul at 7:49 pm to its next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5 & 6.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THIS 10th
DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

DocuSigned by:

Barbara Meltzer

BARBARA MELTZER,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

Corri Plank

STAFF LIAISON

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