

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
PLUMMER PARK - ROOMS 5 & 6
7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
6:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Eyres called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and read the Land Acknowledgement.

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

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Borelli
Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Palmieri
Commissioner Williams
Vice-Chair Adolphson
Chair Eyres

Absent: None.

ALSO Corri Planck, Human Services Manager

PRESENT: Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor
Michelle Liberman, Commission Secretary, Human Services Specialist

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the Agenda for December 12, 2023.

ACTION: Approved the Agenda of Tuesday, December 12, 2023. **Motion by Commissioner Borelli seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved by roll call vote.**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the action minutes of the Human Services Commission meeting of Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

ACTION: Approved the minutes of November 14, 2023. **Motion by Commissioner Davis** to approve, **seconded by Commissioner Borelli, and approved by roll call vote, noting Commissioner Borelli abstained.**

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

YOLA DORE, CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, wished season's greetings from the Disabilities Advisory Board and commended the Commission for their dedicated service and hard work.

NICHOLAS ROYBAL, CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed appreciation for the work done by the Commission and highlighted current issues occurring in the world.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND QUEER WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

ACTION: Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

B. EDUCATION COMPACT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LAUSD) AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

ACTION: Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. CITY COUNCIL LIASONS

The Human Services Commission discussed the Human Services liaison assignments for 2024 City Council meetings. Vice-Chair Adolphson is scheduled to attend the January meeting, Commissioner Williams will take on the February meeting, and Commissioner Borelli is designated for the March meeting. The Commission will determine future liaison assignments in upcoming meetings. The Commissioners provided feedback regarding the length of comments prepared for the two-minute Public Comment limit.

NICK ROYBAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, provided comments and feedback regarding Item 3A.

ACTION: Received and filed.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. EXPLORATION OF ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PUBLIC RESTROOMS

The Human Services Commission received a presentation from Helen Collins, Facilities and Field Services Manager, regarding alternative and additional public restroom locations at existing facilities. Commissioners voiced their level of support and asked clarifying questions regarding safety, security and lighting.

ACTION: Received and filed.

B. UPDATE ON THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PILOT FOR GUARANTEED INCOME

The Human Services Commission received an update on the City's Pilot for Guaranteed Income from Diane Kahn-Epstein, Strategic Initiatives Supervisor, highlighting its aim of addressing financial insecurity and advocating for poverty alleviation through unconditional cash payments. Commissioners expressed support for the program and highlighted the positive impact on participants' lives.

ACTION: Received and filed.

C. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION 2024 WORK PLAN

The Human Services Commission reviewed the 2023 Work Plan and discussed its Work Plan for 2024. The Commission agreed to continue discussion of their Work Plan at their January meeting.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

5. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Helen Collins, Facilities and Field Services Division Manager, provided an update regarding the Holloway Project.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Williams shared her participation in the Warrior Awards and expressed a desire for fellow commissioners to share stories about West Hollywood on their social media, showcasing the services provided by the Human Services Division. She thanked Corri for her longtime dedication to the City.

Commissioner Borelli praised the Warrior Awards honorees, highlighting Dr. Cathy Reback. He expressed excitement for the Holloway Interim Housing Project and thanked Corri for her impactful work, mentioning initiatives like HIV/ZERO.

Commissioner Davis expressed sadness about Corri's departure and recognized her positive impact on the City. He requested adjournment in honor of Sibyl Zaden, acknowledging her contributions dating back to the 80s. Commissioner Davis thanked the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Warrior Awards and appreciated the meaningful stories shared.

Commissioner Palmieri mentioned the closing of McIntyre House. He encouraged RSVPs for the free New Years Eve sober event "VIBEZ" taking place at Plummer Park in Fiesta Hall, praised the Warrior Awards, and shared heartfelt sentiments about Corri leaving.

Vice-Chair Adolphson thanked staff for their hard work on the Warrior Awards, discussed her attendance at West Hollywood Day and encouraged awareness of the Human Services programs. She expressed gratitude for Corri's service to the City.

Chair Eyres expressed appreciation for staff's efforts in setting up the Commission for success with the Warrior Awards. Chair Eyres shared sentiments about Corri leaving and acknowledged her role in setting the City up for continued success.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT:** The **Human Services Commission** adjourned at 7:58pm to a regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024**, at **6:00 pm** at the Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, California.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THIS 9th
DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

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Karen Eyres

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KAREN EYRES,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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Leslie Isenberg

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STAFF LIAISON

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