

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024
PLUMMER PARK - ROOMS 5 & 6
7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
6:00 PM**

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

A. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Christof Schroeder, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization
Corri Planck, Human Services Manager
Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor
Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator
Maribel Ulloa, Social Services Program Administrator
Francisco Gomez, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator
DeeAna Saunders, Social Services Specialist
Michelle Liberman, Commission Secretary, Human Services Specialist

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the Agenda for January 9, 2024.

ACTION: Approved the Agenda of Tuesday, January 9, 2024. **Motion by Vice-Chair Adolphson to move Item 3A to 4D, seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved by roll call vote, noting Chair Eyres Absence.**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the minutes of the Human Services Commission meeting of Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

ACTION: Approved the minutes of December 12, 2023. **Motion by Commissioner Borelli** to approve, **seconded by Commissioner Palmieri, and approved by roll call vote, noting Chair Eyres Absence.**

E. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

*** Chair Eyres joined the meeting at 6:05pm*

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. 2023-24 AWARD OF AGENCY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Human Services Commission received a report on the 2023-24 funding awards for Agency Development Grants.

ACTION: Approved as part of Consent Calendar.

B. GRANTS IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM UPDATE

The Human Services Commission received a report on the 2023-24 Grants in the Schools program.

ACTION: Approved as part of Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION 2024 WORK PLAN

The Human Services Commission will review the 2023 Work Plan and discuss its Work Plan for 2024.

ACTION: A motion was made to table item 3A to the next meeting by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Palmieri and approved by roll call vote.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2022-23 YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

The Human Services Commission received the year-end report on

Social Services programs for the 2022-23 contract year from Human Services Staff, Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, Maribel Ulloa, Social Services Program Administrator, and Dee Saunders, Social Services Specialist.

Commissioners thanked staff and the collaborative partners for their hard work, asked clarifying questions and highlighted the agencies' successes, including housing 80 unhoused community members.

ACTION: Received and filed.

B. HIV ZERO YEAR 6 EVALUATION

The Human Services Commission received the HIV Zero Year 6 Evaluation Report, presented by Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator. Additionally, Steven Bieneman, Associate Director of Testing Programs at the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), provided details on the proposed fixed testing site called "The Pod". A mobile HIV/STI testing and treatment service operating on extended 16-hour shifts for increased accessibility and convenience.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions and showed support for the Pilot Program.

ACTION: Motion made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and approved by roll call vote to support the proposal going to the City Council of dedicating parking spaces to the new AHF testing pod.

C. WEST HOLLYWOOD HOMELESS INITIATIVE: UPDATE ON THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

The Human Services Commission received an update from Francisco Gomez, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator, on the City of West Hollywood's Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness in Our Community, changes in regional homeless services, and program outcomes from city-funded non-profit agency partners.

Commissioners thanked staff and collaborative partners for their hard work, the qualitative data provided, and highlighted the success of housing 80 unhoused community members.

ACTION: Received and filed.

5. **ITEMS FROM STAFF: None.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

7. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Borelli requested to adjourn in memory of Bill McNeely and Andrew Campbell.

Commissioner Davis visited West Hollywood Park and observed children enjoying the snow and commended the recreation department for their programming efforts. He highlighted that while Plummer Park is utilized, it lacks the visual appeal of West Hollywood Park.

Commissioner Palmieri spoke about the success of the VIBEZ sober New Year's Eve event with a turnout of 621 participants.

Commissioner Williams expressed gratitude to staff for their hard work in preparing the reports. Additionally, she spoke about the upcoming Rainbow Key Awards on January 30th. She also thanked the commission for their work.

Vice-Chair Adolphson commended staff for their work. In addition, she shared her commitment to represent the commission at the upcoming City Council meeting. She also highlighted a volunteering opportunity taking place at West Hollywood Elementary on Saturday, January 13th, 2024.

Chair Eyres expressed gratitude to the staff for their comprehensive reports and extended appreciation to the agencies for their work.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The **Human Services Commission** adjourned at 7:59pm to a regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, February 13, 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 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

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Karen Eyres

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CHAIRPERSON

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