



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mrs. Helen H. Stathatos

Mr. Frank S. Bacio
Mr. Vito Cannella
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore
Mrs. Maxine B. Russell

MINUTES OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING
MARCH 1, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Frank S. Bacio
Vito Cannella
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Maxine B. Russell

Others Present

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services
Audra Galang, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2006 MEETINGS

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Cannella, and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 15, 2006 were approved, as presented.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montano reported that she received a letter from Commissioner Russell, who is in China. Vice Chair Stathatos and her went to the Aviva Conference and gave a packet of information to staff for filing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$887.00.

STAFF REPORT

Without the following staff Ms. Sherry Scates and Mr. Jim Corbett, Mrs. Sandra Barbee, Chief of Commission Services, reported the following:

1. Because the new Sybil Brand Commissioner Rita Hall will not retire until the end of March 2006, she may not report before the Commission until the following month, April 2006.
2. Commissioner John Hammargren was provided his August 2005 paycheck.
3. Newspaper clippings were shared to the Commissioners.
4. A new Sheriff Juvenile and Court telephone listing was distributed to the Commissioners for their use.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Montano gave out a flyer of the 8th Annual Multicultural Conference on April 26 and 27, 2006 to be held at Wilshire Grand Hotel, to the Commissioners.

FACILITY/GROUP INSPECTION REPORTS

LAC+USC General Hospital Jail Ward

Chair Montano, Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Moore visited this clean and newly painted jail ward on February 22nd, and found that a panic button was installed. Areas of concern: there is an urgent need to replace "repeaters" for radios because they are unable to receive proper transmission. Commissioner Moore expressed concern that inmate patients were being assigned to an open ward outside the jail ward thus creating a safety issue. During this discussion, it was stated that this may be because of a shortage of nursing staff and that this shortage may be the result of a pay inequity for nurses.

Manna Manor 66 #2

Chair Montano visited this very clean facility on February 28th, which is in satisfactory condition and noted the following areas of concern: first aid kit needs to restock; and staff didn't know the age of the van.

Michelle Travis, Inc. 69 #2

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited on February 21st and found it was a closed facility.

Renaissance Unlimited 92 #2

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on February 23rd, found everything is clean. They noted the following areas of concern: very old building, no cheer in the choice of paint color on the wall, written menu not posted, and first aid kit needs to restock.

St. Paul's Group Home 100 #3

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this nice looking facility on February 27th, and found no area of concern: painted white, cleaned and noted that this quality home is in **satisfactory** condition.

Hillsides Home for Children

In the absence of Vice Chair Stathatos, Commissioner Cannella reported she visited this facility on February 21st and revisited this facility on February 28th. The report will be given out on the next meeting when she is present.

Jay Cee Dee Children's Home

In the absence of Vice Chair Stathatos, Commissioner Cannella reported she visited this facility on February 23rd. The report will be given out on the next meeting when she is present.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Montano assigned the inspection duties to Commissioners for the following week.

Commissioner Cannella reported that he attended the retirement luncheon for Mrs. Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors and suggested the commission present Ms. Lukens with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Commissioner Hammargren requested the Group Homesite Directory be converted to an automated program maintained by staff and updated to include information such as the status of all facilities, home closures, and when follow up inspections are required. A brief discussion occurred and Mrs. Barbee expressed her concerns about the confidentiality of the records in developing

and keeping of this program. She will research the feasibility of such a program and report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Barbee
Commission Services Staff