



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
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Mrs. Eleanor R. Montaño

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Mrs. Helen H. Stathatos

Mr. Frank S. Bacio
Mr. Vito Cannella
Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING JUNE 13, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montaño led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montaño
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
John Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Rita Hall

Invited Guest

Jennifer Lehman, County Counsel

Others Present

Janice A. Davis, Commission Services Staff
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 2007 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Cannella, and unanimously carried, the minutes of June 6, 2007 were approved, with the following changes:

- On Page 3, after the last listing of Children Are Our Future, add sentence: *"The three Children Are Our Future Group Homes above were visited secondary to the Auditor Report".....*

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaño reported she attended the Probation Department's and DCFS graduation at USC on June 9, 2007, and showed the program from the ceremony to the Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund currently is \$1,173.50.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services, reported the following:

- The commendation letter from the Commission for Jennifer Lehman was sent to her Supervisor, Mr. Roger Grambo, on June 6, 2007.
- The Scholarship presentation for the L.A. Trade Technical College students has been scheduled for July 10, 2007 during the Board of Supervisor's meeting.
- Ms. Davis distributed copies of the Sybil Brand Commission Ordinance extending the Sunset Review date to October 1, 2011.

Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATION OF LITIGATION

Jennifer Lehman, County Counsel attended the closed session and declared no reportable action needed.

"AGING OUT" VIDEO FROM JOURNEY GROUP HOME

Vice Chair Stathatos showed a DVD from the Journey Group Home produced by television network PBS called "Aging Out" which showed the outcomes of three foster child cases in their transition to adulthood.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Montaño showed the Commission a "Thank You" card from the caterers Ara & Herach thanking them for their continued patronage.

FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS FROM JUNE 6 TO JUNE 12, 2007

Salvation Army – 66, #1 - Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on June 7, 2007, and found to be in excellent condition.

Touch A Life Foundation –61, #2- Commissioners Hall and Moore

This facility was visited on June 7, 2007, and found to be in unsatisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Faucet and shower needs replacing; log for Disaster Drill not accessible; stove needs repairs.

B&I Group Home – 4, #1 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

This facility was visited on June 11, 2007, and was found to be in satisfactory condition.

Aviva Center - 3, #5- Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

This facility was visited on June 12, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

L.A. Youth Network – 37, #2 - Commissioner Stathatos

This facility was visited on June 12, 2007, and found to be in outstanding condition.

T & T Home for Boys – 60, #5 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

This facility was visited on June 12, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Water leak saturated the carpet; Performance Measures for Out of Home Care from Department of Children and Family Services has been requested.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

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

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Davis

Commission Services Division