



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **MARCH 5, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Vito Cannella

Staff

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

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 27, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 27, 2008 were approved, with the following changes:

- On page 2, under "Facility Inspection Reports", Compton Courthouse, "Two (2) windows need to be replaced" add "*in Probation's lock-up*"...

- On page 2, under “Facility Inspection Reports”, Compton Courthouse, “in order for the ladies” change to “for the *female youth offenders*”...
- On page 2, under “Facility Inspection Reports”, Compton Courthouse, “...they have to use the Deputies’ facility” change to “...they have to use the *Probation Officer’s facility*”...
- On page 3, under “Facility Inspection Reports”, Greater Hope Society, “...no one was home” change to “...*the home is closed down*”...

Commissioner Bacio joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on several articles:

- “State Lags In Listing Staph Rates”, Los Angeles Times, February 24, 2008, regarding the State of California’s poor record keeping of infections reported and its effect on schools and other community facilities.
- “Runaway Runs Back”, USA Today, February 28, 2008, regarding a former teen runaway who has now dedicated her life to advocating for teenagers who are homeless and reduced to prostitution.
- “One in 100 American Adults Serving Jail Time”, Daily Breeze, February 29, 2008, regarding statistics that show 1 in every 100 adults are in prison or jail in America.
- “Record Numbers In Prison”, Los Angeles Times, February 29, 2008, regarding statistics that show the United States leads the world in jailing inmates.
- “U.S. Juvenile Centers Rife With Abuse”, Daily Breeze, March 3, 2008, regarding civil rights violations at Columbia Training School from staff members towards their inmates.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$1,118.23.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services distributed an e-mail from DCFS and then gave the following report:

- The Probation Department sent a backlog of referrals to DCFS; Harbor View Group Home is now receiving payments for those referrals.
- The eighteen (18) year old youth at Teen’s Happy Home Group Home was placed in transitional housing on December 3, 2007.

- The “10th Annual Multicultural Conference” is scheduled on May 15, 2008 at the Los Angeles Hilton in Universal City. A save the date flyer was distributed.

Two (2) letters were sent to Honorable Sheriff Leroy D. Baca:

- A commendation letter for Sergeant David O. Hainey, regarding his helpfulness during a recent inspection at CRDF.
- A letter regarding concerns the Commission noted while inspecting the Long Beach, Pomona, and West Covina Courthouses.

Commissioner Hammargren commented that the West Covina Courthouse should have been the Torrance Courthouse. A letter amending the courthouse will be sent.

CORRESPONDENCE

St. Anne’s Foundation is celebrating their 100th year anniversary and they are selling tickets for a prize drawing to win a trip to Hawaii.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2008 TO MARCH 4, 2008

Eggleston Youth Center (Torch) – 16, #5 – Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on February 21, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Eggleston Youth Center (Stichman) – 16, #4 – Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on February 26, 2008, and found to be in outstanding condition.

Eggleston Youth Center (Marion) – 17, #1 – Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on February 28, 2008, and found to be in outstanding condition.

La Vida School – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on February 28, 2008, and found to be in excellent condition.

Temple City Station – Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on March 3, 2008, and found to be in excellent condition.

Dream Home Care, Inc. #3 – 15, #5 - Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

The facility was visited on March 3, 2008, and no one was home.

Dream Home Care, Inc. #3 – 15, #5 - Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

The facility was visited on March 4, 2008, and found to be in excellent condition.

East Los Angeles PAU – Commissioners Bacio and Hall

The facility was visited on February 26, 2008, and found to be in excellent condition.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Stathatos reported the following:

- “Poetic Justice”, Los Angeles Times, February 20, 2008, regarding inmates at California Men’s Colony participating in the non-profit London Shakespeare Workout Prison Project, a very successful program which casts professional actors with convicts and ex-convicts.
- An exhibit honoring Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke as “A Lady of Firsts” was held on March 3, 2008 in the lobby of the Hall of Administration.

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

Three (3) Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Stations Ranked Among the Best.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Davis
Commission Services Division