



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **JULY 9, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Vito Cannella
Rita Hall
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

John A. Hammargren

Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

Commissioner Moore joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Commissioner Moore, and unanimously carried, the minutes of July 2, 2008, were approved with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on an article in the July 9, 2008, Daily Breeze entitled "Juvenile Hall Worker Charged" regarding a Probation Department female employee who has been charged with sexual misconduct towards teenage wards held at Juvenile Hall.

Commissioner Hall joined the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,777.83.

DISCUSSION ON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Item deferred to July 16, 2008.

DISCUSSION OF 2008 GOAL "INCREASE SITE VISITS AND INSPECTIONS OF YOUTH FACILITIES AND JAILS IN NORTHWEST AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AT LEAST QUARTERLY"

The Commission discussed options in visiting facilities and jails in the Northwest area. Item continued to next week.

GOD NOT GUNS PROGRAM

Commissioner Hall informed the Commission that the Brady Center located in Washington DC, is sponsoring the "God Not Guns Program," and is inviting communities of different faiths to join the program scheduled for September 27 and 28, 2008. Item continued to next week.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

There were none.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM JULY 2, 2008 TO JULY 8, 2008,

Five Acres (Main Site) – 20, #4 – Commissioners Bigby and Cannella

The facility was visited on July 3, 2008, and found to be a nice home.

Jean Lores Group Homes – 31, #4 – Commissioners Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on July 3, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: One stove burner was not working properly; vehicle was not available for inspection; and staff alleges that the doctor who provides therapy for clients does not give any notes to staff.

Manna Manor (Marbella) – 36, #4 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on July 7, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Pasadena Foothill Probation (ISS) – Commissioner Bacio

The facility was visited on July 8, 2008, but the inspection of the school was not performed due to a suspected fire on floor.

Renaissance Unlimited #1 – 50, #5 – Commissioners Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on July 8, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Bedrooms need to be painted; bedroom furniture needs to be replaced; safety bars in bedroom #2 and 3 need repairs; and window sills need to be cleaned.

Manna Manor – 37, #3 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on July 8, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Needs and service plans on two (2) clients need updating.

Five Acres (East Mountain) – 20, #5 – Commissioners Bigby and Cannella

The facility was visited on July 8, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: All bedrooms are disorganized and need cleaning; bathroom needs to be clean; and garage is messy and disorganized.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

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

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m. in memory of Lieutenant Gilbert Valdarama who was killed in the line of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Davis
Commission Services Division