

MINUTES OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
MONTHLY MEETING
June 22, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano

(Temporarily absent)

Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos

Frank Bacio

Vito Cannella

John Hammargren

Carl Moore

Maxine Russell

Absent

None

Others Present

Lee Millen, Senior Staff,
Commission Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2005

Approval of the June 15, 2005 minutes was deferred.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Stathatos summarized a recent Los Angeles Time news article regarding females in custody.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$818.96.

STAFF REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FACILITY/GROUP INSPECTION REPORTS

Child Focus Group Home - #11-2

Commissioners Moore and Bacio visited this facility on June 21st and were unable to conduct an inspection due to police activity on the premises involving an out of control/runaway minor being returned to the home.

Glass/St. Andrews House - #48-2

Commissioner Bacio visited this facility on June 16th and gave a rating of **Satisfactory** with no areas of concern observed or reported. Commissioner Bacio noted that the new facility staff is competent and attentive; things are now under control and the facility maintained.

Teen's Happy Homes - #103-2

Commissioners Russell and Hammargren visited this facility on June 20th and gave a rating of **Satisfactory** with no areas of concern observed or reported. Commissioners noted that facility staff is working to motivate residents; a follow-up inspection should be scheduled in six months.

Creative Learning Institute - #23-2

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on June 16th and gave a rating of **Unsatisfactory**. Areas of concern: stove needs cleaning; service porch needs new tile; storage shed is filthy; a large suitcase is blocking an emergency exit; yard is filled with trash and dog waste; fuse box door needs repair and should be secured; graffiti on interior and exterior of house; stairwell banister is not secured; upstairs bathroom is not working; downstairs bathtub needs recaulking; carpet is torn; and no screens on several 2nd story windows. Chair Montano reported this facility to DCFS and other concerned departments.

Frances Foundation III - #46-1

Chair Montano visited this facility on June 21st and gave a rating of **Needs Improvement**. Areas of concern: the interior and exterior and ground of home need attention; supply of dishes/utensils are low; no driver's licenses or fingerprints on file for facility staff; bed frame is broken in the second bedroom; need more closet space; bathrooms are messy; the linens are locked up, but no key is available; there are no Life Books for residents; and facility staff had no keys to various locks. Chair Montano expressed her concern that this facility had no fire extinguishers, and which poses a safety hazard.

West Hollywood Sheriff's Station

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on June 16th and gave a rating of **Excellent** with no areas of concern observed or reported.

Beverly Hills Court Station

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on June 20th and gave a rating of **Satisfactory** with no areas of concern observed or reported.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Commissioner Cannella advised that when his surgery is scheduled he will advise the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

Due to the protracted time frame, staff was requested to contact William Sias, County Counsel, and request a status report regarding the Commission's use of cameras during site visits.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p.m.