

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

January 22, 2014

Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Arrigo, Vice Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, Marco Colantonio, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Chair Jim Chud, Thomas De Lorenzo, Suzanne Dietrich

STAFF PRESENT: David Giugni and Corri Planck

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for January 22, 2014 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 20, 2013 meeting were not included in the packet mailed to the board members. The November minutes will be included in the packet for the February meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Gamboa of the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board thanked the DAB for sponsoring #boom, an alcohol- and drug-free New Year's Eve event.

Pat Dixon of the Senior Advisory Board spoke to the board about more collaboration between the DAB and the SAB.

Shawn Hoffman of the Public Safety Commission spoke to the board about a variety of public safety concerns including disaster preparedness, identify theft, internet safety, the Vial of Life program and Neighborhood Watch groups. He also provided bags of public safety information to the board members.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING

Perri Sloane Goodman provided an update to the Board on the implementation of the TLC program, as well as a real time trip arrival application (NextBus) to be used in support of the Cityline shuttle. The Board

approved unanimously a recommendation to the City Council that the City contract with Nextbus for an Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) system for the Cityline service.

B. 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORK PLAN

The board reviewed its 2014 meeting schedule and discussed ideas for the 2014 work plan. These thoughts and concepts will be included in the work plan template that will be provided to the board at an upcoming meeting for further discussion.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni provided an update on the Werle Building renovations and thanked the DAB for their contributions to helping ensure that the building becomes ADA compliant.

David Giugni also provided the board with the Board Member's Code of Conduct, as an additional document to review and include in their DAB packets.

Corri Planck announced the Social Services Division's upcoming "WeHo Cares Community Pop Up," the City's first-ever Twitter chat on the Affordable Care Act and a clothing drive to benefit LGBT youth at the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Gamboa encouraged board members to submit nominations for the City's annual Rainbow Key awards. He also provided information on upcoming events hosted by the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board, the Russian Advisory Board and the Transgender Advisory Board designed to build increased community education and understanding across populations.

Shawn Hoffman spoke on public safety, with a focus on crosswalks.

11. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES

Anny Semonco discussed Plummer Park, possible upgrades to Fountain Avenue to make it more accessible, the opportunity for the board to host the "Gender 101" training on transgender issues and the City's Roe v. Wade event.

Larry Block spoke about access to the City's cable station through Time-Warner and U-Verse. He discussed the plans for the West Hollywood Park Phase II project, and expressed a desire for a DAB member to sit on the design review committee.

Rick Watts spoke of various service projects he had participated in or created in and around the City.

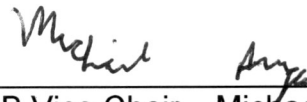
Marco Colantonio spoke about the celebration for recently-retired Social Services Manager Daphne Dennis, and her contributions to the City.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Larry Block volunteered.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Nelson Mandela and Nollie Watts, in honor of Daphne Dennis, and to the next meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.



DAB Vice Chair – Michael Arrigo