

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

## *Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board*

**May 28, 2014**

**Art Room 2, Plummer Park**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Jim Chud called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Jeff Bailey led the pledge of allegiance.

### **3. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER**

Mayor John D'Amico swore in Yola Doré.

### **4. ROLL CALL**

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

STAFF PRESENT: David Giugni, Corri Planck and Kim Patterson

### **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for May 28, 2014 was approved, with the addition of a CPR presentation by the Fire Department.

### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 23, 2014 meeting were approved, with Larry Block's note that they were abbreviated and should include more detail in the future.

### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. RETURN TO WORK PROGRAMMING**

John Reilly and Jeff Bailey of AIDS Project LA reported that the demand for return to work programming greatly reduced a few years before the big recession and they focus on providing health care benefits through ADAP and Medi-Cal. They provide counseling for clients who go back to work, and have community partnerships with JVS-WHEST, Actors Fund, WorkSource, and the Department of Rehabilitation. Teri Maher of Jewish Vocational Services WHEST program reported that they provide one-on-one counseling in the tough job market, prescreen recruits, and assist with job search skills.

#### **B. 5 MINUTE CPR**

Capt. Cardenas and the firefighters of Fire Station 8 gave a training in "5 minute CPR", a hands-only (not mouth-to-mouth) technique which can save

lives before the medics arrive. They are holding sidewalk trainings throughout the City to introduce this simple, effective method of compression.

### **C. ELECTION OVERVIEW**

Corri Planck announced that there will be "TopTwo" run-offs for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> statewide election, regardless of party affiliation. Most propositions will be voted on in November when a higher voter turnout is expected.

### **D. RULES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS**

The Board agreed to make minor changes to the Rules and Procedures, including to move the awards process up a month so that publicity can include the names of the awardees.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. TASK FORCE REPORT**

Louise Smith reported that the subcommittee had some initial discussion on the planning of the Disability Awareness Month activities, including that a Disabilities Job Fair is difficult to organize because employers are hesitant to participate due to the small numbers of attendees. They recommended that the draft Work Plan be accepted as edited.

## **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Corri Planck reported that the City's float will be fully accessible for the June 8<sup>th</sup> Pride parade. She also announced that the architect is working on the Werle Building developments and has a proposed finish date of June 2015. She said that there will be a pop-up DAB outreach booth at the Farmers Market on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, she asked if anyone needed business cards.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **12. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS/ LIAISON UPDATES**

Anny Semonco reported on the West Hollywood Park Design Meeting where there was an overview of accepted designs. It will be the most accessible site in the City, and the plans are available on-line for viewing.

Larry Block expressed disappointment with last month's joint SAB/DAB meeting because there was no time to dialogue. He suggested that Rent Stabilization speak up on behalf of tenants who live on upper floors but need to move to the more accessible first floor of their apartment buildings. He also recommended that the disabled and seniors combine efforts for excursions, Senior Moments, Senior Health Fair, etc.

Jim Chud agreed about the joint meeting, and suggested that the DAB provide more input with agendas.

Michael Arrigo also agreed about the joint meeting.

Suzanne Dietrich suggested that an item on leaf blowers be agendaized. She also noted that signals for accessible sidewalks are missing. She reported that the Senior Health Fair was very successful.

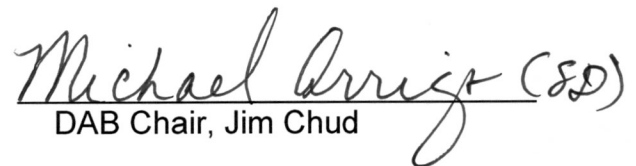
Marco Colantonio agreed with the joint effort at the Senior Health Fair.

**13. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Yola Doré will report to Council.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm to its next on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., in Rooms 5 & 6 at Plummer Park's Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

  
DAB Chair, Jim Chud