

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

June 25, 2014

Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Arrigo called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wendy Goldman led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, Suzanne Dietrich, Louise Smith and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Jim Chud, Marco Colantonio, Anny Semonco

STAFF PRESENT: David Giugni, Corri Planck and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for June 25, 2014 was approved with the correction that under Approval of Minutes for May 28 was not for a joint meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 28, 2014 meeting were approved, with Larry Block's note that they were abbreviated and should include more detail in the future.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendy Goldman, a former WAB member, talked about Seniors Helping Seniors, a for-profit company which provides non-medical in-home companionship and support.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. TRANSIT PROGRAM UPDATES

Perri Sloan Goodman of the City's Social Services Division, announced several changes in transportation:

- 1) A change to the CityLine – The route now ends at Cedars Sinai, rather than Pavillons, and saves 10 minutes each cycle.
- 2) The CityLine will soon transition to the Nextbus on-line program, providing real time information on the bus location.
- 3) Dial-a-Ride is now offering a shuttle to Trader Joe's on Friday afternoons, providing curb-to-curb service.
- 4) A new transit program (TLC) offering an attendant who can provide door-through-door service to scheduled appointments for frail community members was launched.

- 5) The MTA will increase the monthly cost for seniors and disabled from \$14 to \$20. A motion to have the City absorb the total increase (from \$6 to \$12) was approved.

B. TASK FORCE REPORT

Louise Smith gave a report about Disabilities Awareness Month from the task force:

- 1) They recommended that the work plan be approved.
- 2) They handed out applications for nominations for Disability Service Awards.
- 3) They didn't get a response from Cedars-Sinai about a Disabilities Job Fair, and asked staff to follow-up.
- 4) There will be a Fall pop-up for ACA enrollment.
- 5) There are four new spots for banner placement for October.

Larry Block added that he made some calls about eye exams, and found that there are doctors who are willing to take appointments at their offices.

Vice-chair Arrigo would still like to try to have a wheelchair basketball game during Disabilities Awareness Month. He would also like to have buttons made and distributed for either this year or next year's activities.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HIV PREVENTION MONTH

David Giugni spoke about Mayor D'Amico's interest in educating the public about HIV prevention. He also announced that the Centers for Disease Control have recommended that high-risk gay men take pre-exposure medications which can stop transmission in 99% of cases. They also recommend that for post-exposure, people who are HIV- get 30 day treatments of Truvada to stop transmission. He also reported that the City has worked with HIV prevention providers and coordinated over 200 hours of HIV testing. The percentage of HIV infection has decreased and the number of tests has increased considerably. Lastly, he said that the County offered free meningitis vaccinations at the City's Pride booth.

B. POP-UP WORKSHOP

Corri Planck gave an overview of Pop-Up workshops that have been a successful outreach technique for Social Services and affiliate organizations. The first was held at the Gateway Plaza with the Gay & Lesbian Center. The second was at the West Hollywood Library with Covered California. On June 30th, the DAB will be the community partner at the Farmers Market, with Disability Service Award nomination forms and the NOD library services brochures.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There will be elections for Chair and Vice-Chair of the DAB in July. On Saturday from 11 AM – 12:30 PM in Rooms 5 & 6 at Plummer Park, the Domestic Violence Response Team will discuss issues concerning the LGBT community. Also, on Saturday from 10 AM – 6 PM, the Red Circle's Pow-wow will be held. The Red Circle is APLA's HIV prevention organization for Native Americans.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS/ LIAISON UPDATES

Larry Block attended the Senior Advisory Board meeting where they discussed access at the pool, and the Board received a presentation from Barbara Meltzer on caregiving. He also went to the Human Services Commission meeting. Lastly, he would like to promote the Advanced Health Care Directive.

Rick Watts thanked everyone who was involved in or supported the AIDS Ride.

Vice-chair Arrigo talked about the Access Services Rodeo at the Rose Bowl. He would like to have a presentation on epilepsy.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Rick Watts will report to Council.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm to its next on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in Rooms 5 & 6 at Plummer Park's Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.



DAB Vice-Chair Michael Arrigo