

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

June 27, 2012

Community Conference Room, West Hollywood City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Rick Watts, Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Laurie Scher led the pledge of allegiance.

3. SWEARING IN

Corey Schaffer, City Clerk, swore in Laurie Scher as a new DAB member.

4. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lisa Andreson, Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, Tim Carlson, James Chud, Laurie Scher, and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Thomas De Lorenzo and Suzanne Dietrich

STAFF PRESENT: David Giugni and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for June 27, 2012 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 23, 2012 meeting were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY

Susan Anderson, Community Library Manager of the West Hollywood Library, gave an overview of the significant usage of and facilities provided by the state-of-the-art library since its October 2011 opening. The first of the special provisions for people living with disabilities that will be provided by the DAB's \$20,000 NOD award has been set up. Board members expressed disappointment that more disability-related accommodations have not been implemented yet.

B. "I AM, WE ARE..." PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

David Giugni of Social Services outlined the history and latest developments of the HIV prevention work with the second phase of the "I Am, We Are" campaign. He also provided statistics of the past and current AIDS/HIV populations in the City.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. TASK FORCE – 2012 DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS AND TELEVISED MEETING

The Board heard and discussed the latest report from the task force that is developing plans for the 2012 disability service awards and televised meeting. They learned that the City has approved \$6,000 for banners that will promote disability awareness. The Board unanimously chose the West Hollywood Council Chambers for their October televised meeting.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Reported by David Giugni:

A. Future DAB Meetings:

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 25th.
 - Rick Watts & Jim Chud will be in Washington, DC at the International AIDS Conference and will miss the July meeting.
 - Elections for Chair & Vice Chair have been postponed until the August 22nd meeting. Per the DAB By-laws, the term of office of the Chair & Vice Chair shall be one year. An Advisory Board member cannot serve more than one consecutive term as Chair; the same restriction does not apply to Vice Chair.

B. Miscellaneous/City Events

- On July 14th and 15th the City will host a city-wide yard sale and electronic recycling.
- Several OutFest screenings will be held in West Hollywood in July.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES

The Board welcomed new member Laurie Scher. She noted that the regular DAB meeting in September falls on Yom Kippur, and it was announced that the meeting had been rescheduled for Monday, September 24th to avoid that conflict.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Tim Carlson will report to Council offices about the DAB's June 27th meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm in honor of Hugo Braham (who was wished a full recovery) to its next meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Conference Room, City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



DAB Vice Chair – Lisa Andreson