

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board November 19, 2014 Community Room, West Hollywood Library

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marco Colantonio led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Jim Chud

STAFF PRESENT: Corri Planck, Derek Murray, and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the November 19, 2014 meeting was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Wojtkielewicz, a West Hollywood resident, raised several suggestions for future Health Screenings. He also presented a petition to staff regarding removal of AT&T towers on the Sierra Bonita Apartments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON THE WERLE BUILDING

Steve Campbell, Public Facilities manager, and architect Gene Diep, gave an update on the work to make the Werle Building accessible, and fielded questions from the Board.

B. EVALUATION OF THE OCTOBER TELEVISED MEETING

Everyone thought the meeting was excellent, and several suggestions were made to make next year's even better, including to have a pre-meeting reception so the Board can meet the award winners, and to shorten the agenda. The staff reported that through various forms of outreach including social media, 46,000 people were informed of the meeting.

The free health screenings were a big success as well, with 170 blood tests, 98 flu shots, 60 stroke screenings, 15 breast risk assessments, 14 HIV tests, and 4 pneumococcal shots.

A motion was made by Advisory Board Member Smith and seconded by Advisory Board Member Dietrich to form the Disabilities Month subcommittee which will include Michael Arrigo, Suzanne Dietrich, Anny Semonco and Louise Smith.

Another motion was made by Advisory Board member Block and seconded by Advisory Board member Colantonio to form an ad hoc committee to plan the Board's participation in ADA25 and the Special Olympics which will include Marco Colantonio, Suzanne Dietrich, Yola Dore, and Rick Watts.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

In response to concerns about disability signage, Staff Liaison Derek Murray shared photos of signage in West Hollywood Library, the Council Chambers, and the Skyroom. A Board member requested information on signage at Plummer Park.

He also reported on the opening of the Janet Witkin Center at 937 Fairfax with 17 units, including 6 for the homeless and 11 by lottery.

Staff Liaison Corri Planck went over the work plan with the Board.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Wojtkielewicz clarified his concerns about the health screenings.

11. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS

Louise Smith recommended that the topic of aging in place for people with disabilities be agendaized for the January or February meeting.

Yola Dore would like to agendaize the topic of prescription medicine side effects on seniors and the disabled.

Suzanne Dietrich reported on the Abilities Fair.

Rick Watts attended the screening of "I'll Be Me", a documentary about Glenn Campbell who suffers from Alzheimers. He asked if a screening could be arranged with the Senior Advisory Board.

The Board wished their fellow Board members happy holidays.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Anny Semonco will report to Council.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Lois Navarre Cohn (Yola Dore's sister-in-law) at 4:02 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at a time to be confirmed, in the Community Room of the West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente, West Hollywood.



DAB Chair Rick Watts