

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board August 26, 2015 Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Marco Colantonio, Suzanne Dietrich, Yola Dore, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, Rick Watts, and Michael Wojtkielewicz

ABSENT: Jim Chud

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the August 26, 2015 meeting was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 22, 2015 meeting were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Harker, West Hollywood resident, announced a new water fountain was installed in Plummer Park. She also spoke about the Detroit Bungalows.

Cathy Blaivas, West Hollywood resident, spoke about the challenges in identifying Section 8 housing and the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

7. A. DISASTER SERVICES AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER

Derek Murray reported on the LA County Family Assistance Center (FAC) 101 training that he attended. A FAC provides a safe and secure place to obtain information and social services in the advent of a disaster. Public Safety and Social Services are currently discussing plans for resources and referrals. There will be a follow-up presentation on Emergency Preparedness from Public Safety at the next DAB meeting.

B. SELECTION OF DISABILITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Board made the following Disability Service Award selections:
Lovedy Brydon Differently Abled Individual Award – Hon. Adam Schiff
Non-Profit Organization – Special Olympics of Southern California and
The Los Angeles LGBT Center -- WeHo
Business – Capitol Drugs

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Chair Louise Smith reported on the Disabilities Awareness Month Subcommittee's meeting. At the October televised meeting, there will be a performance from a choir of blind children, as well as an opportunity to showcase the DAB's past year's accomplishments. The Health & Wellness Fair will include screenings from a variety of organizations.

B. ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Liaison assignments were updated.

9. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Louise Smith was elected Chair and Marco Colantonio as Vice-Chair.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Derek Murray distributed a flyer for National Recovery Month and announced a pop-up booth at 626 N. Robertson during that month.

He also announced that LA LGBT WeHo (formerly The Spot) will be moving and holding a grand opening in September.

Lastly, he spoke about the Zero Transmission initiative, and announced publicity that includes postcards and bus shelter ads.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Dolan, a West Hollywood resident, spoke about the City's Zero Transmission campaign.

12. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

Marco Colantonio suggested that an update on the Aging in Place initiative be agendized once the report is finished.

Michael Wojtkielewicz discussed the agenda for the board's September meeting. He also welcomed fellow board member Yola Dore as a co-liaison to the Public Facilities Commission.

Chair Smith suggested that the DAB propose to the SAB to work on a Town Hall meeting on drug costs.

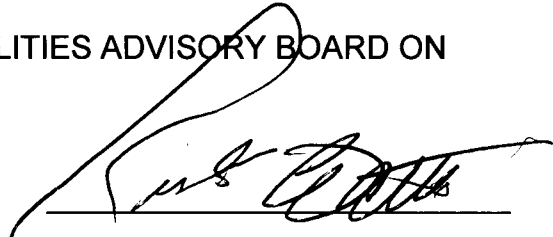
Rick Watts raised possible future agenda items. He invited the DAB to work with him on creating a display of prominent people with disabilities for the televised meeting.

The DAB thanked Rick Watts for his year of service as chair of the Board, and welcomed Chair Smith and Vice-Chair Colantonio in their new roles.

13. ADJOURNMENT

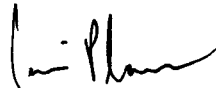
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in Rooms 5 & 6 at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood. (The DAB voted to move the meeting from September 23 due to Yom Kippur.)

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 26th DAY OF AUGUST, 2015.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON/SECRETARY

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