

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board July 24, 2013 Community Conference Room, City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Yola Dore led the pledge of allegiance.

3. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

Corey Schaffer, City Clerk, swore in new member Marco Colantonio.

4. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, James Chud, Marco Colantonio,
Suzanne Dietrich, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith and Rick Watts
ABSENT: Thomas De Lorenzo
STAFF PRESENT: David Giugni and Kim Patterson

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for July 24, 2013 including an amendment to table Item 10, Election of Chair and Vice-Chair until the meeting of August 28, 2013, was approved

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 29, 2013 meeting were approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Yola Dore, West Hollywood resident, talked about how 1) the media can change perceptions of people with disabilities, and 2) the importance of transportation to stay active. She suggested bringing the press corps to the televised October meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

Representatives from two of the City-funded agencies reported on nutrition services that they provide to our constituents. Diane Schneider of the Jewish Family Services' Nutrition Services talked about the healthy, homemade food that is served to seniors and people with disabilities at 17 sites, including 4 sites in West Hollywood. Robert Boller of Project Angel Food spoke about the nearly 25 years of meals delivered to people with HIV/AIDS and long-term illnesses, using produce from the agency's gardens.

B. RULES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS

It was suggested that the application include a 6 PM deadline on the date that the nominations are due. It was also suggested that no prior winner may receive an additional award in the same category.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. TASK FORCE FOR 2013 DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH BANNERS

Rick Watts of the DAB subcommittee met with David Giugni, Corri Planck and Corey Roskin and presented a list of potential subjects for the new DAB banners, including last year's DAB Award winners and well-known people with disabilities. The staff will research these people to determine if their image can be put on one of the banners.

10. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

As included in the approval of the agenda, the Chair, Larry Block, requested that the election of Chair and Vice Chair be tabled until the August 28, 2013 meeting.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff reported on several items:

The Special Olympics World Games will be held in LA in July 2015, and a speaker will attend a future meeting to discuss it further with the DAB.

Staff will email the library donation policy to the DAB.

A draft brochure of the NOD items that will soon be available at the West Hollywood Library was distributed. A suggestion was made to add the international logo of a disabled person (a stick figure in a wheelchair). There will be two half-day trainings in October by Jewish Vocational Services to provide instruction and cultural sensitivity training for the library staff. Disabilities Advisory Board members and contracted providers will also be invited to attend these trainings.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Yola Dore suggested that banners not be placed on side streets, and that she will nominate Ryan Seacrest for an award this year for his organization's work with the disabled.

13. REMARKS BY BOARDMEMBERS

Michael Arrigo suggested that the DAB concentrate on particular themes, like transportation.

Anny Semonco suggested that the trees be trimmed so that the banners won't be obscured.

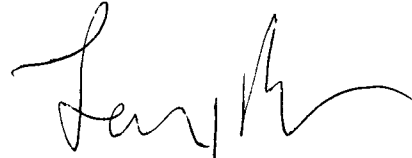
Rick Watts suggested that certificates or some recognition be given to the nominees for awards. He announced that he is taking pledges for an upcoming brain tumor walk. He asked that people be punctual for meetings.

14. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Anny Semonco volunteered.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to its next meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.



DAB Chair + Larry Block