

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board June 22, 2016 Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stephanie Harker led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jim Chud, Suzanne Dietrich, Yola Dore, Louise Smith, Rick Watts and Michael Wojtkielewicz

ABSENT: Anny Semonco

STAFF PRESENT: Corri Planck and Kim Patterson

4. INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Councilmember Lindsey Horvath installed Tom Demille and Joy Freiberg as new members of the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the June 22, 2016 meeting was approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting were approved, with an amendment from Michael Wojtkielewicz.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Harker spoke about ADA non-compliance at Hart Park.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION ON SOCIAL SERVICES

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, gave an overview of social services available to West Hollywood community members through the City's contracted and collaborative agencies. He provided details on client demographics and specified client gender and age by service category.

Stephanie Harker, resident, agreed with Boardmember Wojtkielewicz' concern about mental health services.

B. RULES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Board reviewed and approved, with one abstention, the Rules and Procedures governing the Disability Service Awards as well as the 2016 nomination form.

C. VOTER MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGN

The Board discussed and unanimously approved a recommendation for a voter mobilization effort to increase voter turnout among the disabled community.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. REPORT FROM PHARMACEUTICAL PRICING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The Board received a report from the Pharmaceutical Pricing Town Hall subcommittee. They reviewed possible graphics for the flyer as well as the list of potential participant organizations.

B. SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Boardmember Demille volunteered to join the subcommittee. The subcommittee announced that the Braille Children's Choir will perform at the televised meeting in October again.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

10. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

Tom Demille announced that he will host a SAG/AFTRA meeting entitled "Coming Together After Orlando" at his residence on June 24th from 5-7 PM

Michael Wojtkielewicz thanked the public for their attendance and participation in the meeting. He requested clarification on the definition of "purview" as stated in the by-laws. He proposed that the Board agendaize presentations on Social Vocational Services and the Westside Center for Independent Living. He expressed concern that after 26 years since the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, there are still problems with the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, Hart Park, and the City's assisted listening devices and captioning.

Jim Chud reported that he has received 501(c)3 status for thriveability.com. He also reported that Winnebago is sponsoring town hall meetings across the country on assistive devices.

Rick Watts announced the sit-in in Congress to demand a vote on gun control. He proposed that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Congressman Adam Schiff who was sitting-in on the Congressional floor, and in memory of the 50 people killed in Orlando.

Joy Freiberg introduced herself and mentioned that she worked for Senator Barbara Boxer on disability services, Medicare and Medicaid issues, and is interested in ensuring that people's voices be heard.

Suzanne Deitrich spoke about the Teen Spirit Awards and issues with the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

Vice-Chair Dore mentioned that she has been lobbying for assistive devices for years.

Chair Smith recommended that the City upgrade its adaptive devices for hearing and visual impairments, as well as Plummer Park's PA system.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

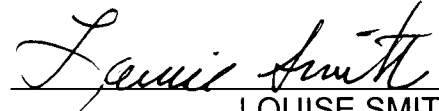
Corri Planck announced that future meetings of the Board will be held in the Community Conference Room at City Hall. Validated parking will be available at either the new automated garage behind City Hall or at Kings Road Parking Structure. She also announced that the City Clerk's office will begin a review of the by-laws at the request of the Board. Lastly, she encouraged the Board to bring ideas for future work of the Board to the December meeting where discussion of the Work Plan will take place.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm in honor of Congressman Adam Schiff who was sitting-in on the Congressional floor, and in memory of the people who were killed in Orlando: Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34; Stanley Almodovar III, 23; Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20; Juan Ramon Guerrero, 22; Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36; Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22; Luis S. Vielma, 22; Kimberly Morris, 37; Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30; Darryl Roman Burt II, 29; Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32; Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21; Anthony Luis Laureano Disla, 25; Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, 35; Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50; Amanda Alvear, 25; Martin Benitez Torres, 33; Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, 37; Mercedes Marisol Flores, 26; Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, 35; Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25; Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez, 31; Oscar A Aracena-Montero, 26; Enrique L. Rios Jr., 25; Miguel Angel Honorato, 30; Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40; Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32; Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19; Cory James Connell, 21; Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37; Luis Daniel Conde, 39; Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33; Juan Chevez-Martinez, 25; Jerald Arthur Wright, 31; Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25; Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25; Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, 24; Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, 27; Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, 33; Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, 49; Yilmery Rodriguez Sullivan, 24; Christopher Andrew Leinonen, 32; Angel L. Candelario-Padro, 28; Frank Hernandez, 27; Paul Terrell Henry, 41; Antonio Davon Brown, 29; Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24; Akyra Monet Murray, 18; Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, 25.

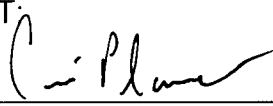
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 6 PM in the Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 22nd
DAY OF JUNE, 2016.



LOUISE SMITH,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



CORRI PLANCK,
STAFF LIAISON

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