

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board **August 24, 2016** **ROOMS 5 & 6, PLUMMER PARK**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jim Chud, Tom Demille, Suzanne Dietrich, Yola Dore, Joy Freiberg, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, Rick Watts and Michael Wojtkielewicz

STAFF PRESENT: Corri Planck, Derek Murray and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the August 24, 2016 meeting was approved with consensus of the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 27, 2016 meeting were approved with one amendment from Michael Wojtkielewicz. There was one abstention.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Erickson, resident and Community Events Technician, announced the Women's Equality Day event on August 26, 2016 at Council Chambers.

David Nash, resident, expressed concerns about the on-site manager at his building.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. SELECTION OF DISABILITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Board selected the winners of this year's Disability Service Awards:
Cathy Blavis and Stephanie Harker – Individual Award
Team One USA – Business Award
KCBS-Channel 2 – Media Award
ACEing Autism – Non-Profit Award

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. REPORT FROM PHARMACEUTICAL PRICING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The Board decided to postpone the Pharmaceutical Pricing Town Hall forum due to cancellations from panelists. In lieu of the forum, the Board unanimously voted to have staff research related legislative items and draft an item for the Board's review and action.

B. SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

The Board received an update from the Disabilities Awareness Month subcommittee and approved their recommendations for the Health & Wellness Fair and the Disability Service Awards and televised meeting.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

10. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

Tom Demille asked and received the Board's unanimous permission to distribute Social Services guides to the buildings operated by the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation. He also requested that people living with disabilities receive a special pass to use the City's bike share program. Lastly, he asked that the public comment by David Nash be entered in the minutes.

Michael Wojtkielewicz thanked the Board for voting for his recommendations for Disability Service Awards. He requested an update on Councilmember Horvath's accessibility initiative. He spoke about internet services for low-income people.

Joy Freiberg asked that the topic of supportive employment programs be agendaized and she received unanimous support from the Board on the future agenda item

Jim Chud has suggested to the bike share program that they include adult tricycles be added to the vehicles provided to the public.

Rick Watts announced that the National Association of Letter Carriers gathered two pallets of sample toiletries from their conference and distributed them to nine shelters. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Don Cannon, a long-time activist.

Chair Dore asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of David Street, a long-time cancer survivor.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff made several announcements:

- There will be free meningitis vaccines available on Thursday.
- There will be Law & Remedies Colloquia on HIV-based discrimination.
- The Paralympics will be streamed from September 7-18 at Paralympics.org.
- The City Clerk's Office will host a voter pop-up on September 15 from 11 AM – 1:30 PM at the Gateway Plaza.

- There will be a County Library event live-streamed on Saturday from 10 AM – Noon with the new County director. West Hollywood Library will be one of the venues where the event can be viewed.
- October 29 is the date for the Annual Congress.
- November 12 is the date for the mandatory Ethics Training.

12. ADJOURNMENT

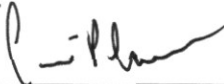
The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm in memory of Don Cannon and David Street. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 6 PM in Rooms 5 & 6 at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST, 2016.



YOLA DORE,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



CORRI PLANCK,
STAFF LIAISON

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