

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board September 27, 2017 Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Yola Dore led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Yola Dore, Joy Freiberg, Mikie Friedman, Danny Hang, David Nash, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith and Rick Watts

STAFF PRESENT: Derek Murray, Joan Mithers, Elizabeth Savage, Yvonne Quarker, and Kim Patterson

C. SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Councilmember Duran swore in Roderick Renfrew.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the September 27, 2017 meeting was approved by the Board with deletion of Item 4B.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident, raised concerns about the current workplan and the use of a facilitator for the December study session.

Cathy Blaivas, resident, congratulated the new Chair, Vice-Chair and new Board members. She also suggested that a member of the Board, or a disabled community member be included in planning and pre-construction walk-throughs for new housing.

Stephanie Harker, resident, asked for an accessibility update on Hart Park, and apologized that she wouldn't be able to stay due to attendance at the WeHo Renters Alliance meeting.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 23, 2017 meeting were approved by the Board.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGING IN PLACE / AGING IN COMMUNITY 5-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REPORT

Elizabeth Savage, Human Services and Rent Stabilization Director, gave a report on the Implementation Plan for the Aging in Place/Aging in Community 5-Year Strategic Plan. She walked the Board through the chart of the 77 strategies being implemented in the active plan.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident, thanked Elizabeth Savage for the report, and reported that neither City staff nor the Westside Center for Independent Living helped him.

B. TRAINING ON ACCESSIBILITY DESIGN FEATURES FOR HOUSING

The Disabilities Advisory Board received a PowerPoint training on accessibility design features for housing from Stephanie Hydal, Program Manager at the Westside Center for Independent Living. This was in preparation for the DAB retreat on December 6.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident, said that all states have their own building codes and reported about an accessibility issue at his home.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-chair Semonco read the minutes from the past Subcommittee Meeting and the Board approved the subcommittee recommendations. Maria Shriver's Communications Director has accepted the award for the Individual Service Award and will check the schedule to see if someone can attend the meeting. Mr. Gummerus, will not be available to provide entertainment during the pre-meeting reception as previously scheduled; another performer may be invited.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There was none.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff announced the following:

- Being Alive and Life Group LA are conducting a workshop for people who receive SSDI benefits on September 30, 2017.
- As part of the beWell WeHo series, there will be another workshop on October 4 with Maggie Thomas.
- As part of capital improvements, air conditioning will be updated in Plummer Park.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident, reported that on September 9 NBC National News with Maria Shriver featured a half hour segment on "Going Beyond Organic".

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

David Nash asked that City staff be more proactive about identifying accessibility issues.

Louise Smith reminded the Board of the County Disability Awards luncheon on October 16, and encouraged the City through Neighborhood Watch groups to identify people living with disabilities as part of emergency preparedness.

Roderick Renfrew stated that he enjoyed his first meeting where he learned a lot, and agreed with Board member Smith on emergency preparedness.

Vice-chair Semonco met with the Mayor and Commissioners about the VA Master Plan, and asked staff to report back to the Board about HR 620, the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017.

Chair Freiberg thanked Elizabeth Savage and Stephanie Hydal for their presentations, and thanked Councilmember Meister for initiating 2DD, Designing Affordable Housing to Meet the Needs of Older Adults and People Living with Disabilities. She also welcomed Roderick Renfrew to the Board.

Rick Watts thanked Roderick Renfrew for the assistance he provided in the past. He announced that the Disabilities Awareness Month street banners will be on display in October, and moved to adjourn in honor of the disabled people in Washington, DC who protested the health care act.


Yola Dore thanked Elizabeth Savage and the new Chair for their work, and welcomed all the new members. She also spoke about Jimmy Kimmel raising health care issues on national TV.

Danny Hang and Mikie Friedman also thanked Elizabeth Savage for her great presentation and look forward to working with the Board.

9. ADJOURNMENT

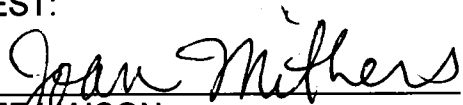
The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:00 PM in honor of the disabled people in Washington, DC who protested the health care act to the annual televised meeting on **October 25, 2017** beginning at **6 PM in City Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 27th
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017.



JOY FREIBERG,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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