

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

May 23, 2018

Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Danny Hang led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Yola Dore, Joy Freiberg, Mikie Friedman, Danny Hang, Roderick Renfrew, Anny Semonco and Louise Smith

ABSENT: David Nash and Rick Watts

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Mithers, Derek Murray, and Kim Patterson

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the May 23, 2018 meeting was approved by the Board.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Walkup, resident, reported that his housemate, Rick Watts, left yesterday to Phoenix to help a candidate.

2.. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 25, 2018 meeting were approved by the Board.

B. HIV PREVENTION MONTH

The Disabilities Advisory Board received an update on the activities planned for HIV Prevention Month.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. BE WELL WEHO UPDATE

Monica Dunahee, coordinator of the "Wellness at Any Age" working group, including the Be Well WEHO classes, gave an update. The classes have been successful in building a new audience. Plans are being made for the Fall program, with a break during the summer. The working group will

meet in June, and they are seeking input from the Board and the community.

B. PRESENTATION ON SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S CONTRACTED SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

Joan Mithers and Derek Murray gave an overview of the 35 Social Service contracts that the City funds with an annual \$4.5 million budget. They asked for input from the Board regarding any gaps in service, and the only suggestion was that services for catastrophic illnesses, in addition to HIV/AIDS, be included. The Board felt that the services were quite comprehensive and noted that the City's budget is uniquely generous given the size of the community.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Board discussed the subcommittee's suggestions on:

- 1) Theme. This will be revisited at the next subcommittee meeting and presented at the June DAB meeting.
- 2) Venue of televised meeting. The Board moved to stay at Council Chambers and staff will try to find a way to make all Board members visible from the dais.
- 3) Plummer Park event. The Board agreed to have a smaller footprint and emphasize a more interactive and in-depth experience for participants.

The Board moved to extend the meeting an additional ten minutes.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff distributed the latest edition of the WeHo Cares newsletter for the Board to share, and flyers for a screening of a documentary on ALS. They also announced that the City float at the Pride parade will have limited space so the Chair will represent the Board, and that June is HIV Prevention Month. There will be 200 hours of free HIV testing provided, including six vans during Pride weekend. Vaccinations will be given at the Festival during Pride.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Roderick Renfrew requested clarification on rules of order.

Louise Smith attended the Senior Advisory Board's televised meeting earlier in the day where Raisa Aguf received the Senior Month 2018 award. She reported on the many senior activities, including the teen/senior video project, as well as the first of series of Seniors In Action gatherings.

Mikie Friedman thanked the Board and staff for their help at the DAB's table at the Senior Health Fair.

Danny Hang also volunteered at the Senior Health Fair and was glad to meet a number of people.

Yola Dore moved to adjourn the meeting in honor of Donna Saur.

Chair Joy Freiberg thanked Monica Dunahee, Joan Mithers and Derek Murray for their presentations and wished Rick Watts good luck in Phoenix.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned in honor of Donna Saur at 8:10 PM to its next meeting on **June 27, 2018** beginning at **6 PM in Rooms 5 & 6 of Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
ON THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2018.



JOY FREIBERG,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON

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