

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

## *Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board* January 23, 2019 Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Rick Watts led the pledge of allegiance.

#### B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Roderick Renfrew, Anny Semonco, and Louise Smith

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

#### C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the January 24, 2019 meeting was approved by the Board.

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*SUBJECT: The Disabilities Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of prior Disabilities Advisory Board Disabilities Advisory Board meetings.*

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of October 24 and December 5, 2018.

#### B. 2019 DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

*SUBJECT:* Approve the meeting schedule for the 2019 year.

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Yola Dore, seconded by David Nash, and approved.**

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. COUNCIL CHAMBERS AUDIO VISUAL ACCESSIBILITY

Helen Collins, Facilities and Field Services Division Manager, gave an update on audio visual accessibility upgrades in Council Chambers, including transitioning

from analog to digital formats, improved assisted listening devices, replacement of both projectors to newer models that provide greater brightness and visibility, and an additional closed caption screen that will now be mounted on the wall for greater visibility, pending Council approval of the mid-year budget.

#### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS DEBRIEF**

Overall the Board felt that the Resource Fair was a real success, and suggested that better outreach be developed, as well as an invitation to California Telephone Access Program to attend.

The Board also felt that the televised meeting/award night was successful, noting the stellar job by the Chair. They were unanimous in recommending that one keynote speaker be invited in the future, and that speakers and awardees be notified of time limits so that the meeting doesn't extend beyond the timeframe. The subcommittee will discuss ideas for participation by young people. The selection of the new subcommittee will be postponed to the next meeting when more members of the Board are in attendance.

##### **B. 2019 WORK PLAN REVIEW**

Vice-Chair Freiberg suggested that the topic of caregiver support be added to the Presentations section.

**Motion to approve the 2019 Work Plan with the amendment to add a seventh item to the Presentations with the caveat that there may not be sufficient time in the year to include it by Chair Friedman, seconded by Yola Dore, and approved.**

#### **5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

#### **6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Joan Mithers informed the Board that last night's Council meeting was adjourned in memory of Anny Semonco's mother. She also announced that two events will take place on January 29, including a Candidates' Forum in Council Chambers (and on WeHo TV) from 6:30-9:30 PM, and a Community Conversation on Housing at Plummer Park from 7-8:30 PM.

Derek Murray announced that the Abilities Expo will take place February 22-24 at the L.A. Convention Center. He also informed the Board that Year 2 of the HIV Zero Initiative was approved by City Council, as was additional funding for the LA LGBT Center's Sexual Health program for treatment of STD's.

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

David Nash thanked David Giugni and Francisco Gomez for the new On-Call Transportation Program which he has found to be a giant step forward.

Vice-Chair Freiberg thanked Helen Collins for her presentation.

Rick Watts made three announcements:

a) The Homeless Count will take place throughout L.A. County Tuesday, tonight and Thursday, noting that many homeless have disabilities and many people with disabilities are homeless.

b) He suggested that the Disabilities Awareness Month Subcommittee request tree trimming before October so that the street banners will be visible.

c) ADAP added another prescription that is eligible for refills, but now the refills are only available every 30 days, creating another barrier for those who need the medications.

Yola Dore attended the Human Services Commission meeting where she learned about the rise in STDs in West Hollywood and Los Angeles. She also attended the Public Safety Commission meeting and announced two upcoming programs: February 11 where the District Attorney or a representative will speak, and a Town Hall on March 11 on emergency alerts.

Chair Friedman thanked Helen Collins for her presentation, and the staff for their tireless work. She reported that her Medicare Part D was lowered by \$10. Lastly she asked how the federal government shutdown is affecting the City. Staff informed her that City Hall is not directly affected, but that some contracted agencies are.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:05 PM to its next meeting on **February 27** 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 JANUARY, 2019.

  
MIKIE FRIEDMAN,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
STAFF LIAISON

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