

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board February 27, 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 Louise Smith 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

ABSENT: Roderick Renfrew

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the February 27, 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 January 24, 2019.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by David Nash, seconded by Yola Dore, and approved, with abstentions from Anny Semonco and Louise Smith.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGING IN PLACE, AGING IN COMMUNITY YEAR TWO EVALUATION REPORT AND INTIATIVE UPDATE

Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Division Manager, and Elizabeth Anderson, Strategic Initiatives Division Program Administrator, made a presentation to the Board about the Aging in Place (AIP), Aging in Community Year Two Evaluation Report, detailing Citywide efforts to embed AIP throughout the community.

Overall the Year Two report resulted in improvements, although perceptions of safety were lower than previously. They also gave a preview of Years 3-5 with goals of increasing partnerships. The Board was called upon to be ambassadors for AIP, especially as the Year 3 Evaluation Surveys are distributed.

B. BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES

Alla Chasnik, West Hollywood staff attorney, explained the various services that Bet Tzedek Legal Services offers, including estate planning, advocacy for public benefits, elder abuse, Holocaust survivor benefits, landlord/tenant issues, kinship care, and more.

C. DESIGNATION OF A DELEGATE TO PROVIDE INPUT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PRIORITIES AT A MEETING OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

The Board designated Chair Friedman to represent the Board and provide input at the March 12 Human Services Commission meeting and the April 9 Public Hearing on Social Services with Yola Dore as the alternate. The Board approved the answers to the three questions on social service priorities posed by the Human Services Commission.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE

The Board approved the selection of the Ad Hoc Committee for Disabilities Awareness Month to include Vice-Chair Freiberg, Danny Hang, David Nash, and Anny Semonco.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff made the following announcements:

- There will be a Gallery Walk highlighting some of the key findings of the City's 2019 Community Study will be held on March 7, 2019 from 4-8pm on the back patio behind West Hollywood City Hall
- City elections will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.
- There will be a HIV/Substance Abuse Prevention Providers meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 10:30am – Noon in the Conference Room at West Hollywood Library. The focus of the meeting will be on programming for crystal meth users.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Yola Dore announced that Mardi Gras will be held on the same day as the City

elections (March 5). She also spoke about her plan to suggest to City Council and the Human Services Commission, raising social service agency funding in concert with the increasing cost of living and wages.

Rick Watts raised the following issues:

- Sidewalk access
- Abilities Expo
- Walmart greeters
- Elections
- Adjournment in honor and in memory of Charlie Kinsley.

Anny Semonco thanked everyone for their condolences on the death of her mother. She also attended the Abilities Expo.

Louise Smith attended the Abilities Expo as well. She announced that the County Commission on Disabilities will hold a sports event on April 26, 2019. She will host anyone on the Board who would like to attend.

David Nash asked if the Human Services and Rent Stabilization Director's position has been filled. He suggested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kjell Rasten.

Danny Hang said that he looks forward to working with the subcommittee.

Vice-Chair Freiberg thanked Corri Planck, Elizabeth Anderson, and Alla Chasnik for their very informative presentations. She asked for updates on the Seniors in Action events. She wanted to learn how activities like the Winter Sounds series are publicized.

Chair Friedman thanked the speakers and the staff. She spoke about a proposed preschool and spoke regarding Mayor Duran. Lastly, she encouraged people to vote in the City election.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Charlie Kinsley and Kjell Rasten at 8:15 PM to its next meeting on March 27, 2019 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 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.


MIKIE FRIEDMAN,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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