

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

April 24, 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, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Roderick Renfrew

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Mithers and Derek Murray

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The amended minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting were approved by the Board, with a date correction.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. SENIOR MONTH UPDATE

Staff reviewed upcoming events for Senior Month. Board members volunteered to staff a table at the Senior Health Fair.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff reviewed the following items:

- Social Services RFP process and timeline.
- An upcoming Immunization Training for Agencies that Serve LGBTQ+ Communities.
- Presentation made at the American Society on Aging conference.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Yola Dore reported about the previous night's Human Services commission meeting and wished everyone belated happy holidays.

Danny Hang reported about his trip to China and ADA issues there.

David Nash spoke about hip replacement surgery.

Louise Smith reported about the Jim Chud memorial. She also reported about the County Commission on Disabilities meeting and a presentation from the Department of Mental Health.

Anny Semonco attended the Women's Leadership Awards Ceremony and announced the upcoming Women's Leadership Conference on May 11.

Rick Watts described the benefits of accessible housing for a friend who recently had a stroke. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory and in honor of Art Roscoe and Maria Ochoa.

Vice-Chair Freiberg reported on the excellent representation at the Human Services Commission meeting for Boards and Commissions from Mikie Friedman. She reported how difficult it was to hear in Council Chambers during the Public Hearing.

Chair Friedman reported that she too could not hear or understand other speakers at the Public Hearing in Council Chambers, but was amazed at all the good work being done by community agencies.

9. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

A. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PANEL

The Board received a presentation from Ronda Dixon of the WeHo Works program of JVS and Eden Anai Luna from the Transgender Economic Empowerment Project of the LGBT Center. They described the employment

related services available to West Hollywood community members and general employment issues relevant for people with disabilities. They answered a full range of questions from members of the Disabilities Advisory Board.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:30 PM in memory and honor of Art Roscoe and Maria Ochoa to its next meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 beginning 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 MAY, 2019.



MIKIE FRIEDMAN,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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