

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

July 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

Staff members Mithers and Murray led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Louise Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Mithers, Derek Murray and Kim Patterson

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting were approved by the Board.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Danny Hang was elected Chair and Anny Semonco was elected Vice-Chair.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. METRO RAIL UPDATE

David Fenn and Joanna Hankamer, Architecture & Urban Design Studio Division, gave a presentation on the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line, including possible routes as well as benefits and impacts on the community, as the City proposes to move up the start date of the line by twenty years. They will give updates as the project continues.

B. COMPLETE COUNT CENSUS EFFORTS

The Board selected Rick Watts as the Disabilities Advisory Board representative to the Complete Count committee and Yola Dore as the alternate.

C. FENTANYL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

In preparation for outreach at National Night Out, Derek Murray gave a presentation on the City's Fentanyl Awareness Campaign and trained the Board on how to use fentanyl test strips.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Board selected Candace Cable and Jonathan Cowley to invite as the potential keynote speaker at the televised meeting in October on the topic of travel and leisure. The Board approved the Subcommittee's recommendations, with the possible additions of Seeds of Hope and fraud awareness at the Disabilities Resource Fair.

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff made the following comments:

- The Human Services Commission will meet to discuss their recommendations for Social Services contracts on Tuesday, July 30 at 6 PM in Council Chambers.
- The Board's outreach during National Night Out will take place at the Gateway Plaza on Tuesday, August 6 from 4-6 PM.
- Staff thanked the Chair & Vice-Chair for guiding the Board over the past year, and congratulated the incoming Chair & Vice-Chair.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The Board thanked David Fenn, Joanna Hankamer, and Derek Murray for their presentations.

David Nash was pleased to see that California Telephone Access Program will be invited to have a table at the Disabilities Resource Fair.

Danny Hang welcomed David Nash back and said he was honored to serve as the new Chair.

Anny Semonco attended the Human Services Commission meeting and gave kudos to the Social Services staff for making tough decisions in the

recommendations for contract funding. She announced that the Women's Advisory Board will host a screening of *Bringing Down the House* on Monday in Council Chambers.

Rick Watts drew the Board's attention to the federal government's proposal to cut food assistance, as well as the possible City ordinance to ban smoking in residential buildings. He announced that on August 10 & 11 there will be all-day readings of the Mueller Report in Council Chambers, and that City Hall has a drop-off tent to collect supplies that will be delivered to migrants at the Mexican border.

Yola Dore made a correction that the proposed smoking ban will be for new developments. She also attended the Human Services Commission meeting and spoke about contracts that will aid in decreasing food insecurity and hunger. Lastly, she attended the Public Safety Commission meeting because of increased crime in her neighborhood, and noted that there are more patrols in the area.

Vice-Chair Freiberg asked if there are opportunities for advertising services on City transit. Derek Murray said there are.

Chair Friedman spoke about how much she enjoyed chairing the Board over the past year, and thanked the Board and staff for their assistance. She looks forward to working together in the new year.


10. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8 PM in honor of outgoing Chair Friedman to its next meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 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 JULY, 2019.


MIKIE FRIEDMAN,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON

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