

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

September 25, 2019

Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joy Freiberg 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

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Mithers and Kim Patterson

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the September 25, 2019 meeting was approved by the Board.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcy Norton, resident, raised concerns about accessibility at the 5-story parking structure at West Hollywood Park.

Stephanie Harker, resident, spoke about the proposed preschool and ADA concerns.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 28, 2019 meeting were approved by the Board.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The Center for Health Care Rights and APLA Health made presentations about prescription drug benefits and support programs for people with low-incomes.

B. POSTMATES PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES

Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner, introduced Vignesh Ganapathy of Postmates, who gave a presentation about the proposed pilot testing program for Personal Delivery Devices (PDD). Personal Delivery Devices

are autonomous robots designed for the delivery of goods to alleviate traffic congestion for short-distance deliveries.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Staff updated the Board on the Disabilities Resource Fair and the televised Board meeting. All honorees have accepted the invitation to attend the televised meeting, but the keynote speaker has not yet confirmed. The banners have been scheduled. Disabilities Awareness Month cards and flyers were passed out for distribution by Board members and Board Members signed up for volunteer shifts at the Disabilities Resource Fair.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff is looking forward to the October activities. Staff also announced that the Social Services Division has moved to the first floor of City Hall. Lastly, sidewalk accessibility will be discussed at the December study session.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Joy Freiberg thanked the presenters and Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey Horvath for the Postmates initiative. She asked that the issue raised by Marcy Norton regarding elevators be looked into.

Louise Smith reminded Board members to RSVP to attend the Los Angeles Commission on Disabilities' Annual Access Awards Luncheon on October 21 at 11:30 AM as her guests.

Mikie Friedman announced that David Fenn will offer a shorter transit tour for anyone that is interested. She expressed pride in Chair Hang's presentation at the Council meeting. Lastly, she reported that she is collecting signatures to oppose the preschool on San Vicente Boulevard.

Yola Dore announced that this weekend a Mock Election will be held from 10 AM – 4 PM at Fiesta Hall. She wished everyone a happy new year, and thanked staff for their assistance.

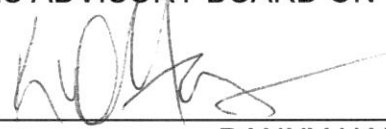
Vice-Chair Semonco reported that the plans for West Hollywood Park will incorporate more accessibility features than it has currently.

Danny Hang thanked all the presenters and shared the proclamation letter from City Council for Disabilities Awareness Month.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:10 PM to its special televised meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 beginning at 6 PM in Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.



DANNY HANG,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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