

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

## *Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board*

October 23, 2019

### CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

##### A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Delfino Aguilar III 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, Derek Murray and Kim Patterson

##### C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the October 23, 2019 meeting was approved by the Board.

##### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Arrigo, Los Angeles resident, thanked the Board for their hard work, and congratulated the awardees. He encouraged people to remember the partially-disabled.

Zac Gaidzik spoke on behalf of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office to congratulate the awardees, and noted the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Stephanie Harker, resident, thanked the Board for their work, and congratulated the award recipients.

Larry Block, Public Facilities Commissioner, announced the meeting to start planning the first Green City awards on November 13 at 6 PM in the Community Conference Room at City Hall. He also announced that the WeHoWish.org non-profit will award their first wish of \$500 to residents of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation with donations from local residents and businesses.

#### 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

##### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 MEETING

## **B. UPDATE: CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**

Consent Calendar was approved by the Board.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Hang prefaced New Business with a brief report on the past year's accomplishments, including providing services to over 100 people at the Disabilities Resource Fair last week, and in August hosting an outreach table at National Night Out.

#### **A. 2019 DISABILITY SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

City Councilmembers, along with Disabilities Advisory Board Members, presented the following 2019 Disability Service Awards:

- Posthumous Recognition to Jim Chud, accepted by Cathryn Friedman
- Lovedy Brydon Differently Abled Individual Award to Fred Goodman
- Business Award to Ambiance Transportation, accepted by Ryan Ferreira
- Nonprofit Award to The Actors Fund, accepted by Keith McNutt
- Media Award to Juan Fernandez

### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

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

Staff congratulated all of the honorees and the Board for their valuable work.

### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Josh Kurpies extended congratulations to all of the honorees on behalf of Assemblyman Richard Bloom. He also announced that AB8598 was voluntarily rescinded due to concerns by the governor, but it will be brought back in the next cycle.

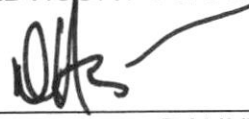
### **8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Boardmembers congratulated the well-deserving honorees on their awards, and thanked City staff and Council for their support, as well as their fellow Boardmembers for a successful year. They also spoke personally about the theme: *Pride In Our Abilities*.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

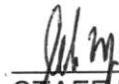
The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:30 PM to its special study session on Wednesday, December 5, 2019 beginning at 5 PM in Rooms 5 & 6 of Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON  
THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.



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DANNY HANG,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



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STAFF LIAISON

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