

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

February 23, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Friedman led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL PRESENT: Patrick Blood, Yola Dore, Mikie Friedman, David Nash, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, and Rick Watts.

STAFF PRESENT: Derek Murray, Joan Mithers, and Doug Nguyen

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ACTION: The agenda for the February 23, 2022, meeting was approved by the Board. **Motion by Boardmember Dore to approve the Wednesday, February 23, 2022, Agenda, seconded by Boardmember Nash.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Kahn-Epstein, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator, provided an updated to the City's Guaranteed Income Pilot Program.

Rachel Resnik, Chief Program Officer for National Council of Jewish Women – the non-profit program administrator for the City's Guaranteed Income Pilot Program, provided additional information on the pilot's eligibility.

Patricia Ortega, Outreach Supervisor for Maroon Society, informed the Board of the Social Services Needs Assessment survey.

Joy Freiberg, Human Services Commissioner, encouraged the Board to provide input to the Human Services Commission in the upcoming Social Services Request for Proposals process.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION: The minutes of January 23, 2022, were approved. **Motion to approve the Minutes, by Boardmember Dore, seconded by Boardmember Watts.**

3. NEW BUSINESS:

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

The Disabilities Advisory Board designated the Chair to represent the Disabilities Advisory Board at a meeting of the Human Services Commission in preparation for the 2022-25 Social Services funding process. The Board discussed and approved the list of social services priorities.

ACTION: Motion to designate Chair Blood to represent the Disabilities Advisory Board at a meeting of the Human Services Commission in March, and Vice-Chair Gomez as an alternate, motion by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Nash, approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve the list of social services priorities to be taken to the Human Services Commission in March, motion by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Nash, approved.

B. DISABILITIES ADIVISORY BOARD 2022 WORK PLAN

The Disabilities Advisory Board discussed ideas for presentations and action items for the 2022 Work Plan. Finalizing the 2022 Work Plan was continued to the March meeting.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION

EXTENSION OF MEETING

ACTION: The meeting was extended by fifteen minutes. **Motion to extend the meeting by fifteen minutes, by Boardmember Friedman, seconded by Boardmember Nash, and approved.**

7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Boardmember Dore provided a report from the February Human Services Commission and Public Facilities Commission meetings and discussed gender neutral restrooms.

Boardmember Friedman discussed upcoming Council items on smoking in public and announced that Russia had invaded Ukraine. She also discussed gender neutral restrooms.

Boardmember Nash discussed streamlining social services and transportation services enrollment for community members.

Boardmember Semonco discussed upcoming events put on by the Russian Advisory Board. She also mentioned the social services provided for the transgender community.

Boardmember Smith provided the Board with information on the Seniors in Action meeting. She also discussed an article on a new HIV variant in the Netherlands.

Boardmember Watts discussed Code Enforcement and accessibility to area businesses and encouraged taking precautions for COVID-19 including isolating and getting booster shots.

Chair Blood thanked the Boardmembers, public for their comments, and staff for their work during the meeting. He discussed a coming change in veterans' disability benefits.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Joan Mithers, Social Services Program Administrator, introduced new staff to the Board and provided updates on DCRC.

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, updated the Board on changes to staff liaisons to the Board and thanked the Board for their dedication over the years.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned, in honor of Suzanne Dietrich and Jim Chud, at 8:23 PM to the next teleconference meeting at 6:00 PM on March 23rd, 2022.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 23th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.



PATRICK BLOOD,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON

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