

## CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

### MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

March 23, 2022

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

##### A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Hang led the pledge of allegiance.

##### B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Patrick Blood, Yola Dore, Mikie Friedman, Danny Hang, David Nash, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, and Rick Watts.

ABSENT: Danny Gomez

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Mithers, Doug Nguyen, Derek Murray, and Joyce Britton.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ACTION:** The agenda for the March 23, 2022, meeting was approved by the Board. **Motion by Chair Blood to approve the Wednesday, March 23, 2022, Agenda, seconded by Boardmember Friedman.**

##### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Kruskall, Community Programs Manager, Disability Community Resource Center, provided a brief overview of the programs and services offered.

Kim Burton, West Hollywood Community Program Specialist, Disability Community Resource Center, introduced herself and expressed her enthusiasm about joining the Center and serving the community.

#### 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. RENT STABILIZATION AND HOUSING PRESENTATION**

Jonathan Holub, Rent Stabilization Manager, gave a presentation with updates from the Rent Stabilization and Housing Division.

**ACTION:**

Received and discussed.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. APPROVAL OF DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD 2022 WORK PLAN**

The Disabilities Advisory Board approved the 2022 Work Plan.

**ACTION:**

Motioned by Boardmember Nash, seconded by Boardmember Smith, approved.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Boardmember Dore discussed code enforcement presentations and scooters.

Boardmember Watts expressed concern about the use of tenants in common provisions to sidestep rent stabilization protections and requested more information.

Boardmember Smith mentioned a runway show in New York of disabled people modeling different clothes. Boardmember Smith updated the board on the County Commission on Disabilities and the reorganization of departments at the County.

Boardmember Semonco discussed a contestant on America's Got Talent who was competing in a wheelchair.

Boardmember Nash discussed maintaining a comfortable temperature in the City pool used by people living with disabilities.

Boardmember Hang commended David Kruskall on his presentation.

Boardmember Friedman discussed smoking cessation resources and mobility challenges along Santa Monica Blvd sidewalks.

Boardmember Dore discussed having speakers come to address catastrophic illnesses and related topics.

Chair Blood discussed the Human Services Commission meeting he attended for Board and Commission representatives to discuss Social Service funding priorities. He thanked the board members and staff.

## **8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Doug Nguyen, Transportation Program Administrator, mentioned that the Human Services Commission is addressing the topic of a one-stop shop for community members who need social services.

Joan Mithers, Social Services Program Administrator, reminded the Board that the Public Hearing on Social Service funding priorities will take place on April 12 at 6PM and informed the Board that they are welcome to make comments as individuals at that time.

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, mentioned the website link for resources and support for Ukrainian refugees.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned in honor of those who died in the Ukraine, Noli Watts, Joyce Furhall, Dena Saur, Xuan Mong Han, John Joseph Long, and with gratitude to Derek Murray for his service, at 7:49 PM to the next teleconference meeting at 6:00 PM on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2022.

DocuSigned by:

*Patrick Blood*

2F4468E331CF48A...

PATRICK BLOOD,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

*Joan Mitlers*

D7E6D9ECEB4B34CF...

STAFF LIAISON

**A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's office upon request.**

***(Disclaimer: Staff records the meetings for the sole purpose of composing the official meeting minutes; therefore the recordings are not of commercial quality.)***