

**MINUTES  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022  
6:00 PM**

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Watts.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Michael Arrigo led the pledge.

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Patrick Blood, Yola Dore, Myra Friedman, Anny Semonco,  
Louise Smith, David Nash, Rick Watts

ABSENT: Danny Gomez

STAFF: Joan Mithers, Derek Murray, Joyce Britton

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Disabilities Advisory Board is requested to approve the agenda of Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

**ACTION: Motion by Boardmember Dore, seconded by Boardmember Friedman MOTION PASSED.**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Arrigo, West Hollywood resident, greeted everyone and thanked them.

Wendy Arnold, spoke on behalf of Dana Saur Bowman, a nominee for a DAM Award and provided insight into her service to the community as a volunteer and peer educator for PEP LA.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION:

1) Receive and approve minutes of the July 27, 2022, meeting.

**ACTION: Motion by Boardmember Blood, seconded by Vice Chair Nash MOTION PASSED.**

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. SELECTION OF DISABILITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

The Disabilities Advisory Board selected the following honorees for the Disability Service Awards:

- Media Award – Paulo Murillo
- Business Award – Pavilions
- Individual Award – Dena Saur
- Non-Profit Award – JFS LA West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center

**B. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH FLYER**

The Disabilities Advisory Board reviewed a draft flyer for the October events and provided input.

**ACTION:** Received, discussed, and **APPROVED** unanimously.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. COALITION FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL**

The Disabilities Advisory Board received an update on the Coalition for Economic Survival's legal services program by Eugene Maysky.

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

Email address to register for Wednesday or Saturday clinics:

[helpingwehorenters@gmail.com](mailto:helpingwehorenters@gmail.com)

Phone: (213) 252-4411, ext. 205

***The Board unanimously voted to extend the meeting 10 minutes.***

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Arrigo spoke about award nominee Dena Saur Bowman and thanked the Board for a great meeting.

**7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Boardmember Dore spoke about the Public Safety Community Townhall meeting and mentioned its importance. She spoke about the upcoming Council meeting and the topic of public safety and dockless mobility and asked the Board to be aware of it. She wished everyone the best.

Boardmember Friedman thanked the staff for compiling all the nominee information and putting the awards together. She spoke about the Vision Zero Task Force meeting and noted that statistics being used did not include information related to scooters. She thanked Eugene Maysky and congratulated the recipients. She mentioned several scams going on to warn the Board to be on the lookout. She thanked everyone who advocates for people living with disabilities.

Boardmember Semonco spoke about Women's Equality Day and the drink spike strips that tell if your drink has been spiked. She spoke about the shuttle that goes to and from CicLAvia and the accessibility challenges of participating. She spoke about the 2022 senior ID and noted distinctions between it and the REAL ID.

Boardmember Smith thanked everyone for the nominees and wished everyone a great weekend.

Vice Chair Nash thanked everyone for electing him Vice Chair. He asked staff who to contact to help get benches for people waiting for transportation when they come to the library, new recreation center or Council chambers.

Chair Watts congratulated the nominees for the Disability Service Awards and thanked the staff and presenters. He spoke about getting the word out about the smoking ban in public areas of residential facilities.

**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

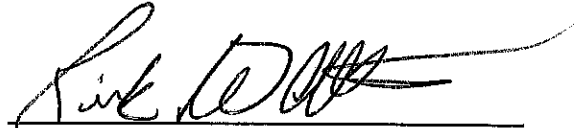
Joan Mithers, Social Services Program Administrator, spoke about the Council meeting on Sept. 19 where October will be declared Disabilities Awareness Month and mentioned that more information will be forthcoming.

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, provided an update on the monkeypox clinics and the number of doses administered to community members.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:10 pm to its next meeting, which will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
ON THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.



RICK WATTS,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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*Joan Milners*

STAFF LIAISON

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