

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023
6:00 PM**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Dore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Yola Dore, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, David Nash, Rick Watts

ABSENT: Patrick Blood

STAFF: Derek Murray, Dee Saunders, Joyce Britton

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SUBJECT: The Disabilities Advisory Board is requested to approve the meeting agenda for January 25, 2023.

ACTION: Motion by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Dore. **MOTION PASSED.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Weissbrod, Spectrum Labs, spoke about the screening of the *Boys Don't Wear Dresses* film.

Mikie Friedman wished the Board success in the new year and shared her plans to continue advocacy work as a resident.

Stephanie Harker spoke about having American Sign Language interpretation at every public meeting. She thanked the Board for their work last year.

Cathy Blavis thanked the Board for their work last year and wished everyone a happy new year.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: The Disabilities Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2022, Disabilities Advisory Board meeting.

ACTION: Approved the minutes of the October 26, 2022 meeting.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

B. 2023 DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

SUBJECT: The Disabilities Advisory Board discussed the meeting schedule for the 2023 calendar year.

ACTIONS:

1) Unanimously approved canceling the November 22, 2023, meeting due to its proximity to Thanksgiving (November 23, 2023). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2) Unanimously approved rescheduling the December 27, 2023, meeting to December 13, 2023, due to its proximity to Christmas. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BROWN ACT AND SERIAL MEETINGS

SUBJECT: The City Clerk provided information to the Disabilities Advisory Board about the rules of the Brown Act and serial meetings.

ACTION:

Received and filed.

B. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH DEBRIEF

SUBJECT: The Disabilities Advisory Board reviewed the 2022 Disabilities Awareness Month activities.

ACTION: Discussed and made suggestions for 2023 Disabilities Awareness Month.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD 2023 WORK PLAN

The Disabilities Advisory Board discussed ideas for presentations and action items to include in the 2023 Work Plan.

ACTION: Reviewed and discussed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board member Dore thanked everyone for their support and wished everyone a happy new year.

Board member Semonco provided a Vision Zero Task Force update and invited the Board to take the survey.

Board member Smith spoke on meetings she attended and wished everyone a happy new year.

Vice Chair Nash proposed the idea of a disabled entertainment night at the Council Chambers. He shared that Section 8 will move to an online portal and expressed how this could be an issue for older adults and community members with disabilities. He also spoke of a pedestrian accessibility issue on Santa Monica Blvd.

Chair Watts discussed scooters and potential challenges for people with disabilities if parking spaces are removed on Fountain Ave.

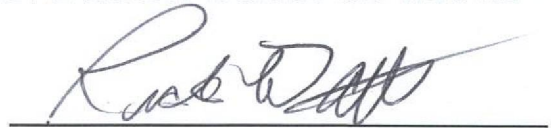
8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Derek Murray, Acting Social Services Supervisor, requested volunteers to watch the *Boys Don't Wear Dresses* film prior to discussing it at the February meeting. Chair Watts, Vice Chair Nash, and Boardmembers Semonco and Smith volunteered.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Robert Simon and Tatiana Egorova, at 8:15 pm to its next meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.



RICK WATTS,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON

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