

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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 Blood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Derek Murray, Francisco Gomez, Dee Saunders, Joyce Britton

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SUBJECT: The Disabilities Advisory Board approved the meeting agenda for February 22, 2023.

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: The Disabilities Advisory Board approved the minutes of the January 25, 2023, Disabilities Advisory Board meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Board Member Dore, seconded by Vice

Chair Nash. Board Member Blood abstained. MOTION PASSED.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ON-DEMAND MICROTRANSIT

SUBJECT: Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, provided an update on the City's transition from Dial-A-Ride, a traditional demand-response program, to MicroTransit, an on-demand rideshare pilot program that prioritizes older adults and people living with disabilities while serving the general public.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. SPECTRUM LABORATORY PRESENTATION

SUBJECT: The Disabilities Advisory Board received a presentation from Jason Weissbrod of Spectrum Laboratory. The Board decided to co-sponsor the April 15th film screening of *Boys Don't Wear Dresses* and host a table with resources and giveaways.

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

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD 2023 WORK PLAN

SUBJECT: The Disabilities Advisory Board voted to approve its 2023 Work Plan.

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

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Smith shared information about the upcoming Abilities Expo taking place at the Convention Center, March 10-13th.

Board Member Blood congratulated former Board Member, Danny Gomez, on his recent televised appearance. He shared concerns about Care Court, SB 1338. Lastly, Board Member Blood thanked the presenters, staff, and board members.

Board Member Dore thanked the presenters and staff. She thanked the Board in advance for helping with her Board/Commission Liaison duties.

Vice Chair Nash congratulated the Board for agreeing to co-sponsor and table the film screening of *Boys Don't Wear Dresses* and thanked everyone for a productive meeting.

Chair Watts asked for staff to resend the Board/Commission Liaison assignments and reassign alternates for Board Member Dore. He spoke about a community member who committed suicide. He also expressed concern about board members who are immunocompromised returning to in-person meetings.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff provided the Board with information about free mental health resources. Staff gave the Board an update on WeHo Pride 2023 and informed them of the upcoming Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop hosted by the Community Safety Department. Staff also gave the Board an update on returning to in-person meetings.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:06 pm to its next meeting which will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, location to be determined.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.



RICK WATTS,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

STAFF LIAISON

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