

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

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023  
6:00 PM**

**PLUMMER PARK, ROOMS 5&6  
7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD.  
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90046**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Chair Watts.

**A. SWEARING-IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Wesley Schwartz was sworn in by Assistant City Clerk, Lulu Morales.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Member Schwartz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Yola Dore, Margaret Mann, David Nash, Wesley Schwartz, Anny Semonco, Rick Watts, Sybil Zaden

**ABSENT:** Louise Smith

**STAFF:** Derek Murray, Dee Saunders, Maribel Ulloa, Joyce Britton

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Disabilities Advisory Board approved the meeting agenda for July 26, 2023.

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

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Logan Leathem introduced himself to the Board and spoke about his involvement with the community.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and approve minutes of the June 28, 2023 meeting.

**ACTION: Motion by Board Member Nash, seconded by Board Member Dore. MOTION PASSED with one abstention by Board Member Schwartz.**

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Yola Dore was elected Chair by a unanimous vote.  
The election for Vice-Chair was tabled to the next meeting.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. JFS COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES CENTER PRESENTATION**

The Disabilities Advisory Board received a presentation from JFS Comprehensive Services Center on activity programming.

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

**B. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S RECREATION DIVISION PRESENTATION**

The Disabilities Advisory Board received a presentation from the City of West Hollywood's Recreation Division on recreational and aquatic activities.

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH PLANNING**

The Disabilities Advisory Board discussed Disabilities Awareness Month. The Board is requesting the City Council to participate in an activity in October. This activity would require the participants to navigate daily activities with mobility, vision, hearing, and other disabilities. City staff informed the Board that they will speak to the Community and Legislative Affairs Division about the request. The Board chose a theme for this year's events, which will be:

*Past, Present, Future: Connecting and Empowering All.* The Board discussed entertainment and catering for the Disability Service Awards. They decided not to form a subcommittee for planning purposes and chose to have a standing item at each meeting for planning.

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

***Board Member Dore motioned to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Seconded by Board Member Nash.***

**6. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Dore thanked Chair Watts for his service as Chair of the Board.

Board Member Schwartz expressed his enthusiasm for joining the Board and he thanked the Board for their dedication.

Board Member Zaden discussed a challenge she experienced while opening a door at the Post Office. She motioned to agendaize push buttons for doors at a future meeting and the Board approved the motion by consensus. Staff informed the Board that they will reach out to the appropriate City Department for this item.

Board Member Mann spoke about Disabilities Awareness Month programming.

Board Member Semonco requested more time to discuss Disabilities Awareness Month at future meetings. She also asked for cognitive and developmental disabilities to be included in Disabilities Awareness Month programming.

Board Member Nash spoke of being inclusive of people with amputations in Disabilities Awareness Month programming.

Chair Watts thanked the Board for their service. He explained the process for agendaing items and working with staff to plan for future items.

**9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

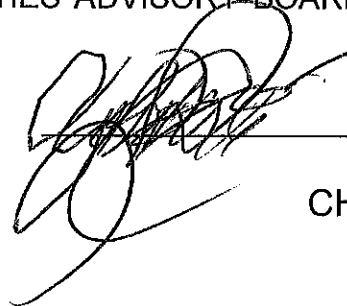
Social Services Program Administrator, Maribel Ulloa, introduced herself to the Board.

City staff spoke about National Night Out and encouraged the Board to contact the Community Safety Division for more information. She spoke about the Annual Congress of Boards and Commissions and reminded the Board that the August meeting was rescheduled due to a conflict with the Annual Congress.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:14 pm to its special meeting which will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at Plummer Park Rooms 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.



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YOLA DORE,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



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STAFF LIAISON

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