

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023  
6:00 PM**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Margaret Mann  
David Nash  
Rick Watts

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Member Mann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. ROLL CALL - All members of the board present.**

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Disabilities Advisory Board approved the meeting agenda for June 28, 2023.

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

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mikie Friedman, West Hollywood resident, thanked those who spoke at the City Council meeting on scooters. She spoke about scooters riding on the sidewalk and how it affects people living with disabilities and older adults.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**ACTION: Motion by Board Member Smith with an amendment to change the wording of item where it was discussed to hold a collaboration with the Senior Advisory Board to the Board voted and approved a motion to hold the collaborative event, seconded by Board Member Dore. MOTION PASSED.**

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APLA HEALTH PRESENTATION**

The Disabilities Advisory Board received a presentation from Brian Risley of APLA Health on the HIV-Elders (HIVE) program for older adults living with HIV/AIDS.

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

**B. BEING ALIVE PRESENTATION**

The Disabilities Advisory Board received a presentation from Becky Hardin of Being Alive on social and recreational activities for people living with HIV/AIDS.

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH PLANNING**

The Disabilities Advisory Board discussed planning for Disabilities Awareness Month in October.

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

***Chair Watts motioned to extend the meeting by five minutes. Seconded by Board Member Zaden.***

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Zaden asked for a list of Board Members. Board Member Zaden spoke regarding ADA push buttons at businesses' front doors to make them accessible for people living with disabilities.

Board Member Mann spoke about having artists living with disabilities participate in Disabilities Awareness Month.

Board Member Semonco shared the challenges the Board experienced in the past with artists and entertainers performing at the Disability Service Awards. She said the Board should consider it again.

Board Member Nash spoke about getting the media involved to expand the audience of the Disability Service Awards. He spoke in appreciation of the Aquatic Center for how accessible it is for people with disabilities.

Board Member Dore spoke about the Social Services Guide and how much she appreciates the work done by the Human Services Commission and staff to make social services available to everyone. She spoke about the West Hollywood Library's services. She thanked the Board and staff for their work. Ms. Dore spoke about the passing of Senior Advisory Board Member, Esther Baum, and reflected on her life and service.

**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff spoke about the Narcan training that will be provided at the Human Services Commission meeting on July 11, 2023.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

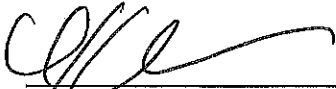
The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:15 pm in memory of Esther Baum to its next meeting which will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at Plummer Park Rooms 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2023.



RICK WATTS,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. M. E.', written over a horizontal line.

STAFF LIAISON

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