

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

David Nash led the pledge.

B. SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson swore in Board Members Yola Dore, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, and Sybil Zaden.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Yola Dore, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, Rick Watts, Sybil Zaden

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Derek Murray, Dee Saunders, Joyce Britton

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Disabilities Advisory Board approved the meeting agenda for May 24, 2023.

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mikie Friedman, West Hollywood resident, spoke about scooters and sidewalk accessibility. She encouraged the Board to take a survey regarding scooters.

David Nash, West Hollywood resident, spoke about scooters and issues concerning affordable housing.

Lee Walkup, West Hollywood resident, spoke about the Senior Advisory Board collaborating with the Disabilities Advisory Board for Disabilities Awareness Month in October.

Eva Angeloff, Grants Coordinator, City of West Hollywood, spoke about the Arts Grants offered through the City. She provided information on how to apply and receive funding.

Margaret Mann, West Hollywood resident, said she was looking forward to serving on the Board.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Disabilities Advisory Board approved the minutes of the April 26, 2023, meeting.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS PRESENTATION

The Disabilities Advisory Board received an update from the City's Governmental Affairs Liaison, Hernan Molina, on the City's legislative affairs priorities and advocacy efforts.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH PLANNING

The Disabilities Advisory Board discussed the Rules and Procedures Governing the Disabilities Service Awards and the 2023 Service Awards Nomination application.

The Board voted and unanimously approved a motion to collaborate with the Senior Advisory Board on the annual health screenings event and provided input on the types of health

screenings City staff should request from Cedars-Sinai. The Board also discussed events they would like to host in October, which includes a collaboration with the City Council on a “Live a Day with My Disability” event.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Reviewed the Rules and Procedures Governing the Disabilities Service Awards.
- 2) Approved the 2023 Service Award Nomination application unanimously.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Walkup, West Hollywood resident, spoke about Tina Turner’s passing. He informed the Board of a free concert by the Gay Men’s Chorus on Saturday, June 17, at West Hollywood Park.

7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Zaden spoke in opposition to scooters, delivery robots, and bikes on sidewalks.

Board Member Dore thanked Hernan Molina, City Staff, and members of the public who spoke at public comment. She welcomed Board Member Zaden, congratulated re-appointments, and thanked everyone for their service on the Board. Lastly, she thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson for swearing everyone in.

Chair Watts asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Tina Turner.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

City staff informed the Board of regular meeting date changes due to conflicts for the August and October meetings.

City staff confirmed participants for the WeHo Pride float ride.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Tina Turner at 8:06 pm to its next meeting which will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 28, 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 28th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.



RICK WATTS,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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