

**MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
1ST FLOOR – COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Staff Liaison, Jasmine Duckworth, called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.
- 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT** – Read by Board Member Demuir
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Board Member Washington
- 4. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Queen Chela C. Demuir, Eden A. Luna, Tiondrae Pier, Jorge S. Seperak, Giselle Y. Washington, Jonathan K. Wilson

ABSENT: Karim D. Abay

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk, Melissa Crowder
Governmental Affairs Liaison, Hernan Molina

COUNCILMEMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, and Councilmember Meister were present to swear-in newly appointed Board Members.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

ACTION: Approve the Special Meeting Agenda of August 7, 2023. Motion by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Washington, and approved.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

ACTION: Approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023. Motion by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Demuir, and approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

*Board Member Luna arrived at 6:15pm

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR

ACTION: *The Social Justice Advisory Board elected Jonathan Wilson as Chair.*

B. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

ACTION: *The Social Justice Advisory Board elected Giselle Washington as Vice-Chair.*

C. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HISTORICAL CONTEXT STUDY

The Social Justice Advisory Board received a presentation on the City of West Hollywood's Historical Context Study prepared by the Architectural Resources Group.

ACTION: *Received and filed.*

D. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS PRESENTATION

The Social Justice Advisory Board received a presentation from Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison, on the City's Legislative Priorities, reviewed the City's list of opposed/supported legislation, and provided the following feedback:

- How is social justice being defined within the context of the City's Legislative Priorities? (It looks like the primary focus is on law enforcement.)
- Would like to see grants or economic opportunities for marginalized community members (similar to those mentioned in the Social Justice Task Force recommendations) to generate self-sufficiency (co-ops, homeownership, doesn't have to be limited to one model etc.)
- How do Non-binary and Trans-folk get more involved in crafting or enacting legislation? This includes enforcement of policies (For example SB 396 – training for employers to be up to date on how to hire trans, non-binary, or gender non-conforming people) - California Department of Fair and Housing might be the agency responsible for enforcement.
- Would like the Legislative Priorities to incorporate the Social Justice Task Force recommendations as a guide to implement social justice related policy recommendations
- Interest in an examination into the housing and lottery system as it relates to conditions for funding.

E. REVIEW OF SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DISCUSS AND PROPOSE SCHEDULE FOR DIVISION/DEPARTMENT UPDATES AT FUTURE SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

The Social Justice Advisory Board reviewed the Social Justice Task Force's recommendations and discussed preparing a schedule for Division/Department updates at future Social Justice Advisory Board meetings. The Advisory Board was notified that some of the recommendations outlined in the Task Force's final report build on policies and programs in development in the City, and as staff adopts the recommendations into their respective workplans and provides ongoing updates to the Advisory Board, the City Attorney will be consulted throughout the process and either the City Attorney or a representative from BBK will be in attendance at future Advisory Board meetings to guide staff and the Advisory Board. After discussion, the Advisory Board prioritized the following Division/Department updates for future meetings:

- 1) Economic Development – will provide update on Economic/Community

- Development and Contracting Process recommendations
- 2) Community Safety & Well Being – will provide update on Public safety recommendations
 - 3) Human Services and Rent Stabilization | Human Services and Social Services Division – will provide update on Housing & Homelessness and Social Services recommendations

The Advisory Board will also appoint liaisons to begin engaging with the City’s Advisory Boards and Commissions.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

11. ITEMS FROM ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Seperak thanked the Board for their work and efforts in the community.

Vice-Chair Washington provided an update on the public safety item from the August 7th Special Meeting and asked staff to provide an update at the next Advisory Board meeting.

Board Member Pier gave additional feedback on the public safety item and asked how staff would provide updates to the Advisory Board at future meetings.

Board Member Luna expressed excitement about being on the Advisory Board and shared information about upcoming job fairs.

Chair Wilson brought forth a motion to have more frequent Advisory Board meetings and meet more than once a quarter.

ACTION: Motion to meet more than once a quarter and to schedule a special meeting before the end of the year by Chair Wilson, seconded by Vice Chair Washington, and approved.

ACTION: Motion to agendaize an item for the Center of Policing Equity to provide a presentation on the item they presented to Council and the Public Safety Commission, seconded Board Member Luna, and approved.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Social Justice Advisory Board adjourned at 8:20 PM to its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM, at West Hollywood City Hall – 1st Floor – Community Meeting Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

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