

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

## *Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board January 28, 2015 Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park*

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

### 3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, Jim Chud, Marco Colantonio, Yola Doré, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, Rick Watts, and Suzanne Dietrich

STAFF PRESENT: Corri Planck, Derek Murray, and Kim Patterson

### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the January 28, 2015 meeting was approved.

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting were approved.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember John Duran introduced a proposal that he has co-sponsored with Mayor John D'Amico for an AIDS-free community. He briefly outlined the history of the effects of the epidemic in this city and the changes that have taken place with the arrival of antiretroviral medications and the introduction of new biomedical prevention tools such as PrEP. He explained that the challenge now is to find and close the gaps to create an AIDS-free community.

Stephanie Harker, resident, spoke about the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation's Detroit bungalows.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

Two representatives from the Special Olympics World Games gave a multimedia presentation about the upcoming games which will take place in Los Angeles from July 25 – August 2, 2015. There will be 7,000 athletes from 177 countries, as well as 30,000 volunteers and an estimated half million spectators. They encouraged the DAB to volunteer as Fans in the Stands who will be assigned an athlete/sporting event to cheer. To volunteer, donate, and learn more, the website is [LA2015.org](http://LA2015.org).

## **B. AGING IN PLACE**

Corri Planck made a presentation about the City's Aging in Place Strategic Plan, a five-year plan with annual updates, to help support the elderly to continue living in their homes. There will be special public meetings at which a DAB delegate will participate and report back to the Board. Marco Colantonio was selected as the delegate and Jim Chud as the alternate. This item will be agendaized for the next meeting.

## **C. 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORK PLAN**

The DAB reviewed their 2015 meeting schedule and work plan. They decided to keep their current schedule of 6-8 pm in hopes of enabling more public participation. They moved to table discussion about the December 2015 meeting. They went over the work plan to finalize it.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Derek Murray announced that 1) there will be a homeless count on January 29; 2) voter registration postcards are available for distribution; the deadline to register is Feb. 17 for the March 3 election; 3) there will be a Public Safety pop-up on Feb. 3 & 4 which will include sidewalk safety.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **11. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS**

Michael Arrigo thanked the Board for their kind thoughts during his recent hospitalization.

Yola Doré recognized the January birthdays with cake.

Marco Colantonio asked the Board to email him their ideas for the Aging in Place meeting.

Jim Chud raised concerns about the endorsement of candidates by the Chamber of Commerce. He also commented on the new placards at crosswalks that he considers more of a hazard than a help for pedestrian safety.

Larry Block cited three pedestrian incidents, a decrease from before. He also spoke about the gender-neutral restrooms not accommodating people with disabilities.

Chairperson Watts raised the conflict of the Chamber-scheduled council debate with the MLK Day of Service. He spoke about the West Hollywood Elementary School not being ADA-compliant, and staff indicated that it is not a City building so the City doesn't have jurisdiction over it. He also expressed

interest in co-sponsoring a screening of the Glen Campbell movie, "I'll Be Me", in May with the Senior Advisory Board.

**12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Jim Chud will report to Council.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Layla Alcorn and Marianne McClintock at 8:15 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in Rooms 5 & 6 at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.



DAB Chair Rick Watts