

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

February 25, 2015

Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michael Arrigo led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Marco Colantonio, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith,
Rick Watts, and Suzanne Dietrich

ABSENT: Larry Block, Jim Chud, and Yola Doré,

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the February 25, 2015 meeting was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 28, 2015 meeting were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. I'LL BE ME CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR SENIOR MONTH

The Board unanimously agreed to co-sponsor with the Senior Advisory Board the screening of the new documentary, *I'll Be Me*, about singer Glen Campbell's struggles with Alzheimers Disease. The tentative date is May 11.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ADA 25/SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Board decided to apply to be Fans in the Stands at the Special Olympics, with a preference to cheer the Gymnastics team on either August 1 or July 26. The co-captains of the group will be Michael Arrigo and Suzanne Dietrich.

B. 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORK PLAN

The Board unanimously approved the Work Plan. Pending availability of meeting rooms, the Board will reschedule their September and November meetings.

C. AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVE

The Board raised a number of recommendations and concerns, including:

Housing –creation of new housing stock, preservation and adaptation of current housing stock to make housing more liveable and safe through both private and public resources; portability of rent-stabilized units; accessibility; workshops for family members and caregivers about resources available for the disabled; trainings for property managers; assisted living facility in West Hollywood.

Medical and Personal Care Needs – provide seminars, drawing from UCLA's Gerontology Department; emotional and grievance support.

Aging in Place guidebook – not too comprehensive but thorough.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Derek Murray made the following announcements:

May 13, 9 AM – 2 PM, Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park - PrEP Pep training for medical professionals on pre-exposure prophylaxis; followed by 7-9 PM Community Forum at Council Chambers, West Hollywood Park

Feb. 28, 10 AM, West Hollywood Park – Free Community Yoga Class in celebration of Heart Healthy Month

May 19 – Senior Fair at Plummer Park

March 24 – Screening of How to Die in Oregon – Council Chambers, West Hollywood Park

Corri Planck announced that the ADA25 PSA by the DAB is currently in heavy rotation on Channel 10. She also reported that as required by the By-laws, the approved workplan will be submitted to Council. Lastly, she said that the City Clerk has clarified that to be eligible for the monthly stipend, Board members must participate for the majority of the meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Louise Smith announced the Abilities Expo on March 6-8 at the Convention Center.

Marco Colantonio encouraged people to contact City Hall with any needs; he reported that he has always received timely, helpful response. He also reminded everyone to vote.

Chairperson Watts announced that Thursday marks the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr's sermon at Temple Israel.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Marco Colantonio will report to Council.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in Rooms 5 & 6 at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.



DAB Chair Rick Watts