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CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board May 23, 2012

Community Conference Room, West Hollywood City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Rick Watts, Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michael Arrigo led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, James Chud, Thomas De Lorenzo, Suzanne Dietrich and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Lisa Andreson and Tim Carlson

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for May 23, 2012 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 25, 2012 meeting were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. NEW CITYLINE ROUTE

Perri Sloane Goodman, Transportation Program Administrator, gave a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the proposed route changes for the CityLine bus and received suggestions from the DAB. The new route map is due to be rolled out this summer.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF LOS ANGELES

Vivian Sauer, JFSLA Chief Program Officer, outlined the 3 phases of collaboration with the City and introduced program directors Diane Schneider (Nutrition), Fred Summers (SOVA Community Food & Resource Program), and Marina Berkman (Comprehensive Services Center) who gave presentations and handed out materials about the extensive services their programs provide.

B. TASK FORCE – 2012 DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS AND TELEVISED MEETING

Larry Block spoke on behalf of the task force and shared some of their suggestions, including:

- Creation of street banners and posters to build awareness for the Disability Service Awards;
- Providing a platform for fundraising opportunities to offset costs of an event to honor the award recipients;
- Planning for the 2012 Disability Service Awards celebration, including inviting a keynote speaker, providing entertainment and revising the format and content of the printed program.

The task force will meet again on Wednesday, June 13th and report back to the full Board on June 27th.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Reported by Craig Rhea:

A. Future DAB Meetings:

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 27th.
 - West Hollywood Library staff will be making a presentation.
 - The Task Force will provide their 2nd report.
 - Craig will be on vacation; David Giugni will be staffing the meeting with Kim.

B. Miscellaneous

- 4th Annual VolunTeen Awards – honoring our teen volunteers and the 2012 Scholarship recipients –Wednesday, May 30th from 5:30pm to 7pm in Rooms 5 & 6 of the Plummer Park Community Center. All are invited.
- The Human Services Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12th at 6pm in Rooms 5 & 6 of the Plummer Park Community Center to discuss mid-year reports from the City-funded Social Service agencies. DAB members are encouraged to attend.
- Christopher Street West/Pride weekend – June 8-10th:
 - DAB members interested in riding on the City's float on Sunday, June 10th, should let staff know as soon as possible. Rick Watts expressed interest.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Yola Dore, former DAB member, spoke about how impressed she is by all that the DAB is doing and mentioned that Rick Watts is running for a seat on the Democratic Party County Central Committee on the June 5th primary ballot. She drew attention to "old language" referring to people who are home-bound or wheelchair-bound and she suggested the use of "people with disabilities" instead. She noted that any facility being considered for a City-sponsored event should be accessible to Seniors and people living with disabilities.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES

Suzanne Dietrich attended the Senior Advisory Board's televised meeting earlier today which included the reading of selections from "*Senior Moments.*"

Michael Arrigo, the new Chair of Access Services' Community group, announced a new Access program called Parents with Disabilities.

Larry Block said that he is excited about the possibility of new DAB banners and sees this as a great start.

Tom De Lorenzo agreed and felt that this is a means of creating awareness in the community.


Chairperson Watts announced that he and Jim Chud will be attending the AIDS convention in Washington, DC at the time of the July DAB meeting. Therefore, the Board agreed to hold the elections for Chair and Vice Chair at its August meeting. Rick will be one of the 600 volunteers helping with the California AIDS LifeCycle event in June.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Larry Block will report to Council offices about the DAB's May 23rd meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in honor of former DAB member Debra Chodash at 8:04 pm to its next meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Conference Room, City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



DAB Chair – Rick Watts