

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

## *Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board June 24, 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**

Stephanie Harker led the pledge of allegiance.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Michael Arrigo, Jim Chud, Marco Colantonio, Suzanne Dietrich, Yola Dore, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, Rick Watts, and Michael Wojtkielewicz

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

### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the June 24, 2015 meeting was approved.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 27, 2015 meeting were not approved

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cathy Blaivas, West Hollywood resident, announced a Historic Preservation Commission special event on July 22, 7-9 PM in Great Hall at Plummer Park.

Stephanie Harker, West Hollywood resident, spoke regarding housing issues and the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation

### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. PRESENTATION ON PAWS/LA**

Steve Wayland, Director of Program Services at PAWS/LA (Pets Are Wonderful Support), gave a presentation on service animals and emotional support animals.

#### **B. RULES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS**

The Board unanimously approved the Rules and Procedures Governing the Disability Service Awards, as well as the nomination form.

### **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Derek Murray will extend an invitation to the Braille Institute's children's choir to provide entertainment at the board's televised meeting and awards

presentation in October. Also, different programs are being lined up for the Oct. 20 health screening event.

#### **9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Derek Murray announced that the DAB's Fans in the Stands participation in the Special Olympics World Games will be at UCLA on August 1 from 1-3 PM, with the City-provided transportation leaving from Plummer Park at 11:30 AM.

Corri Planck continued the periodic review of the simpler and more user-friendly Rosenberg's Rules of Order, a transition from Roberts' Rules of Order, and Code of Conduct as requested by the Board. She reported that Metro is exploring enhanced accessibility for disabled riders.

David Giugni announced that at the July 14 Human Services Commission meeting there will be a panel of experts on HIV testing and counseling, including PrEP.

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Dolan, West Hollywood resident, expressed thanks to PAWS/LA.

#### **11. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS**

Marco Colantonio reported on the productive Aging in Place meeting that he attended. He also thanked everyone for their kind wishes to him on the loss of his mother.

Jim Chud met with Brian Lewis about accessibility in housing. He is willing to speak to the DAB or individually.

Michael Wojtkielewicz suggested that the DAB move their elections to the August meeting because two council members have not yet made their appointments for the Board. He would like to extend Public Comment to three minutes from two, and to have water provided at the meetings. He asked to adjourn in memory of Kirk Doffing who was assaulted and Eric von Young who died in a fire. Additionally, he recommended a foot patrol and better lighting in the Fairfax/Santa Monica Boulevard area. He also suggested that the Board agendaize ADA accessibility.

Michael Arrigo announced that Access will now provide curb-to-destination service (formerly curb to curb).

Suzanne Dietrich attended the Senior Advisory Board meeting where she learned that the Supreme Court was scheduled to rule on the Marriage Equality Act no later than Monday. She shared with the DAB that the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition distributes free cell phones.

Yola Dore announced that she has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing treatment.

Rick Watts reported that he returned from his 10th year with the AIDS Ride. He announced that there will be a celebration or protest in West Hollywood Park at 6 PM on the day of the Supreme Court decision on gay marriage.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm in memory of Kirk Doffing and Eric von Young. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in Rooms 5 & 6 at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.



DAB Chair Rick Watts

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