

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board July 22, 2015 Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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: David Giugni, Derek Murray, and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the July 22, 2015 meeting was approved with the modification to move 7A before the Approval of Minutes and to take a 10 minute recess to cheer the Special Olympics Torch team. There were 2 abstentions.

7. A. PRESENTATION FROM CENTER FOR HEALTH CARE RIGHTS

Catherine Nicklen of the Center for Health Care Rights gave a presentation on Cal MediConnect and fielded questions from the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 27 and June 24, 2015 meeting were approved

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chair Smith reported on the latest subcommittee meeting recommendations: that the DAB and WAB collaborate on issues related to Breast Cancer for Disabilities Awareness Month, that the Board comments at the televised meeting be dedicated to the ADA25 commemoration, and that there will be a short video of Power Soccer (with players in wheelchairs) with an introduction by Michael Arrigo. The DAB approved all recommendations including providing a picture collage of notable persons with disabilities during the televised meeting on display in the foyer of the City Council Chambers, having a third new street banner for ADA25, and that the Power Soccer team be invited to the December meeting.

B. ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

This item was moved to the meeting after DAB appointments are completed.

9. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

This item was moved to the August meeting..

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

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

He also announced that there will be an anal cancer forum on July 30 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers. He distributed cards about PrEP.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Raul Alonso offered to film the Fans in the Stands excursion at the Special Olympics.

11. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

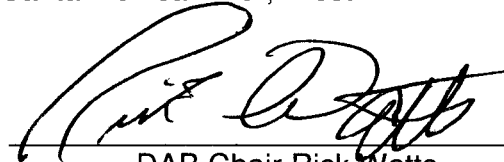
Yola Dore suggested that the rising costs of medicine and health care be agendized, and the DAB agreed to co-sponsor a Town Hall on that subject.

Vice Chair Smith spoke about disaster preparedness and National NightOut.

Michael Wojtkielewicz reported on a disabled man who spoke at the Council meeting about difficulties he has encountered at a West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation building.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 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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