

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board September 24, 2014 Community Room, West Hollywood Library

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michael Arrigo led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Jim Chud and Suzanne Dietrich

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for September 24, 2014 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 27, 2014 meeting were approved, with one abstention.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION FROM RENT STABILIZATION AND HOUSING

Peter Noonan, Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager, outlined key points in their Annual Report for Housing Trends, and fielded questions. In rent-stabilized units, there has been a 6% increase in "rent burdened" people who spend more than 30% of their income on rent. There is also an increase in people who want to "age in place" and stay in their homes. They had 10,000 interactions, including 1,000 legal matters.

B. EPILEPSY FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Frank Chavez, a training volunteer with the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles, gave a presentation and showed a video that informed the audience of the realities and myths of epilepsy.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Louise Smith gave an update of the Task Force's latest meeting. She announced that the Health Screenings will be held on Oct. 21 from 10 AM – 2 PM at Plummer

Park. The outreach for the Disabilities Awareness Month activities were reviewed, including postcard distribution, flyers, and banners. The Board approved the banner switch from Mozart to Beethoven, with 2 nays.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

The Sept. 29 Ethics Training and the Oct. 8 Annual Congress for Boards and Commissions were announced. Also, the LA County Commission on Disabilities will honor the Board for their work on Monday, Oct. 20.

David Giugni gave a quick overview of Rule 3.1 from the code of conduct regarding refraining from discussing active items when outside of Board meetings.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

11. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS/ LIAISON UPDATES

Larry Block spoke about the subcommittee on crosswalks.

Anny Semonco announced the West Hollywood Noir event.

Chair Watts asked about rescheduling the November and December meetings which will fall the night before two holidays. Staff will investigate room availability and report back to the DAB.


Future agenda items: Yola Doré proposed convening a work study meeting. Other proposed items included the upcoming Special Olympics in 2015 and affordable housing.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Marco Colantonio will report to Council.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm to its next on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at West Hollywood Park, 621 N. San Vicente, West Hollywood.



DAB Chair Rick Watts