

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board October 22, 2014 Community Room, West Hollywood Library

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor John D'Amico led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Jim Chud

STAFF PRESENT: David Giugni, Corri Planck, Derek Murray, Corey Roskin, and Laura Schoonover

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Advisory Board Member Doré and seconded by Advisory Board Member Smith to approve the agenda for the October 22, 2014 meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Advisory Board Member Smith and seconded by Advisory Board Member Doré to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2014 meeting.

6. WELCOME FROM CHAIR

Chair Watts made his opening statement which was followed by a video presentation of the Disability Advisory Board's public service announcement.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2014 Disability Service Award

Recipients of the various 2014 Disability Service Awards were recognized.

Mayor Pro Tempore John Heilman and Disability Advisory Board Member Suzanne Dietrich presented the Business Award to Golden Choice.

Mayor Pro Tempore John Heilman and Disability Advisory Board Member Michael Arrigo presented the Non-Profit Award to Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition.

Mayor John D'Amico and Disability Advisory Board Member Yola Doré presented the Media Award to NBC-4 Los Angeles.

Mayor John D'Amico and Disability Advisory Board Member Larry Block presented the Lovedy Brydon Differently Abled Individual Award to Dana Miller.

B. Presentation from Compassion & Choices

Representatives from Compassion & Choices made a presentation to the Advisory Board regarding the Board's recommendation to the City Council for endorsement and answered questions regarding their organization and mission.

A motion was made by Advisory Board Member Doré and seconded by Advisory Board Member Block to open a discussion on the topic. The item was discussed and then approved for recommendation to the City Council (6-1-1) with Advisory Board Member Doré voting nay and Advisory Board Member Arrigo abstaining.

C. Taxi Subsidy Program

Transportation Program Administrator Perri Sloane Goodman and Taxi Specialist Rob Winrader made a presentation to the Advisory Board regarding the Board's recommendation to the City Council for endorsement of a modified Taxi Subsidy Program and answered questions regarding the proposal.

A motion was made by Advisory Board Member Doré and seconded by Advisory Board Member Smith to open a discussion on the topic. The item was discussed and Advisory Board Member Block recommended a friendly amendment to the endorsement. The amended endorsement was then approved for recommendation to the City Council (7-0-1) with Advisory Board Member Arrigo abstaining.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. LEE WALKUP, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed his appreciation for the diversity yet commonality of West Hollywood residents. He spoke regarding registering for the upcoming election.

JOSH KURPIES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated all of the evening's award recipients. He also expressed his appreciation for the work done by the Disability Advisory Board.

MARCY NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated all of the evening's award recipients. She expressed her appreciation for the work done by the Disability Advisory Board. Ms. Norton also spoke about the recent Health and Wellness Event and thanked the Board for their part in bringing this event to the public. She further spoke of the National Council of Jewish Women's advocacy program relating to senior scams and elderly abuse

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the need for additional signage in the Council Chamber letting the public know about the

availability of assisted listening devices and that the City should seek ways to further promote that the listening devices are available at all City meetings.

9. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Advisory Board Member Anny Semonco spoke regarding the upcoming Design Steering Committee meeting for West Hollywood Park.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff Liaison Corri Planck thanked the public for their participation in, and the Board for their support of, the Health and Wellness Event.

Innovation & Strategic Initiatives Manager Francisco Contreras provided an update on West Hollywood capital projects.

11. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Larry Block will report to Council.

12. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS

Larry Block thanked fellow Board members for their work over the past year.

Louise Smith thanked fellow Board members and staff for their work.

Yola Doré thanked fellow Board members and staff for their work and thanked the public for their participation. Ms. Doré also congratulated the award recipients.

Michael Arrigo spoke regarding a recent event held by the County Commission on Disabilities in which the West Hollywood Disability Advisory Board was recognized for their work. Mr. Arrigo offered information on theatrical events for the hearing and sight impaired. He also encouraged the public to be aware of people with disabilities, not just during Disabilities Awareness Month.

Suzanne Dietrich reminded the public that October is also Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Marco Colantonio congratulated award recipients and nominees. He thanked his fellow Board members for their work. Mr. Colantonio also extended happy birthday wishes to the City of West Hollywood

Rick Watts requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Steven Sawyer.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Steven Sawyer at 8:02 pm The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente, West Hollywood.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Watts", written over a horizontal line.

DAB Chair Rick Watts