

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

## *Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board September 30, 2015 Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park*

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Rick Watts led the pledge of allegiance.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: 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. INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBER**

Councilmember John Duran installed Brian Zeiden as the newest member of the Disabilities Advisory Board.

### **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the September 30, 2015 meeting was approved with the adjustment to switch 8C to the beginning of New Business.

### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 26, 2015 meeting were approved with one abstention.

### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cathy Blaivas, West Hollywood resident, spoke about mental health services.

Stephanie Harker, West Hollywood resident, spoke about her concerns with the Detroit Bungalows.

### **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **C. PRESENTATION ON AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AS IT RELATES TO HOUSING**

Anne Zimmerman, architect, gave a presentation about the Americans with Disabilities Act, clarifying the distinction between that civil rights legislation and housing codes.

#### **B. PRESENTATION OF 2014 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CITY'S RENT STABILIZATION AND HOUSING DIVISION**

Peter Noonan, Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager, reviewed the 2014 RSH Annual Report, summarizing current trends affecting housing in West Hollywood and the region, and how the division has worked to provide quality, affordable housing. He announced a meeting on reasonable accommodation on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 PM at Plummer Park.

#### **A. PRESENTATION ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

Shirley Berry, the City's Emergency Management Coordinator from the Public Safety Department, encouraged everyone to make emergency plans and pack emergency kits. This will assist the City and County staff in providing emergency services to those in need, including at designated shelters at Plummer and West Hollywood Parks. Maria Grieken, representative from the LA County/Division 7 Fire Department, fielded questions from the board.

### **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Chair Smith gave an update on Disabilities Awareness Month. The banners will be hung next week, and flyers will be mailed for the annual televised DAB meeting/service awards ceremony on Oct. 28 in the City Council Chambers at West Hollywood Park. There are a number of groups who will provide screenings, vaccinations, and information at the Health & Wellness Event on Oct. 20 at the Plummer Park Community Center.

### **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Derek Murray distributed PrEP pamphlets that were created by AIDS Project Los Angeles about bio-medical interventions to prevent HIV infection.

He also announced that LA LGBT Center WeHo (formerly The Spot) will be hosting a grand opening on October 20 from 6-9 PM.

Corri Planck announced that the Annual Congress of Boards and Commissions will take place on Oct. 14 in the Council Chambers

### **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No additional public comment

### **12. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS**

Rick Watts announced that AIDS Walk will be held on Oct. 11. He asked to agendize co-sponsorship of a joint town hall meeting on pharmaceutical costs.

Michael Wojtkielewicz announced that one can't be both on a working group and on a Board or Commission. He wasn't able to attend the Public Facilities meeting because it had been rescheduled for the same night as the DAB meeting. He reiterated the concern about mental health services. He expressed appreciation for Peter Noonan's report on "aging in place." He noted that Mayor Lindsey Horvath will have an item on housing and commercial accessibility for the Oct. 5 City Council meeting.

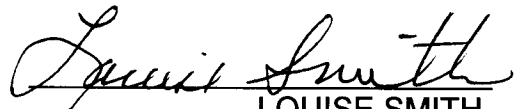
Anny Semonco reported that the Transportation Commission meeting was cancelled, and that the Women's Advisory Board October 21 meeting was televised.

Yola Dore agreed that mental health is an important topic to address.

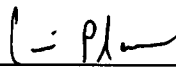
### 13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

  
LOUISE SMITH,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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CORRI PLANCK,  
STAFF LIAISON

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