

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board April 24, 2013 Rooms 5 & 6, Community Center, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

Larry Block, Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

David Giugni led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, James Chud, Thomas De Lorenzo, Anny Semonco and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Suzanne Dietrich and Louise Smith

STAFF PRESENT: David Giugni and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for April 24, 2013 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 27, 2013 meeting were approved with the addition of Corri Planck in the line for "Staff Present".

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Audie Aguirre asked the City to consider purchasing a supply of mattress covers for Section 8 residents to address the bed bug problem.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION

Tripp Mills and several other staff of the Housing Corporation gave a multimedia presentation of the affordable housing that they create and manage for seniors, people living with disabilities and low-income families. They also announced that applications for the Courtyard at La Brea will be available on June 3, 2013.

B. OUTPATIENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES

Dahlia Ferlito of Friends Research Institute and Mike Rizzo of the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Mental Health Services Program introduced the wide range of services that their agencies provide.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CSW/LA PRIDE ACCESS

David Giugni updated the Board on access for people living with disabilities at CSW/LA, including a covered viewing area along the parade route with designated parking, discounted tickets, donated tickets to non-profit agencies for their clients, permission to bring water into the festival for those with mobility impairment, and a City shuttle departing from Plummer Park on Pride weekend.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni reported the DAB prioritized housing, health care, including HIV prevention, and legal services for Social Services needs as the new funding cycle begins. He also reported that the #Trending show will begin on May 1st. Lastly, he informed the DAB that City staff have begun to purchase the items for the library with the NOD grant.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. REMARKS BY BOARDMEMBERS

Rick Watts attended the Human Services Commission meeting. He reported that he collected a lot of toiletries for charities at the Democratic State Convention. He mentioned that Jeanne Dobrin and Rita Norton are in the hospital.

Vice-Chair Jim Chud attended the Rent Stabilization meeting. He also announced the kick-off for the Michael Gottlieb HIV Center at the West Hollywood Library.

Anny Semonco attending the Women's Leadership Conference and found it motivating and empowering. She was shocked to learn how many women in the military have been abused after watching "The Invisible War".

Tom DeLorenzo followed up on the public comment by his client, and asked about the possibility of the City purchasing mattress covers for Section 8 residents. Vice-Chair Chud supported Tom's proposal.

Michael Arrigo announced that people can dial 511 for public transit information.

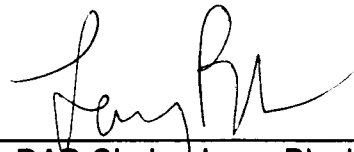
Chair Larry Block asked to agendize making new banners for Disability Awareness Month.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Jim Chud volunteered.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Beach Warren and Randy Slater and in honor of the runners and first responders at the Boston Marathon at 7:50 pm to its next meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.



DAB Chair - Larry Block