

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board September 24, 2012 Community Conference Room, West Hollywood City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Larry Block, Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michael Arrigo led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, James Chud, Thomas De Lorenzo, Suzanne Dietrich, and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Lisa Andreson

STAFF PRESENT: David Giugni and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for September 24, 2012 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 22, 2012 meeting were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ivy Bottini and Jimmy Palmieri asked that the DAB consider requesting the Council fix the elevator in the Werle Building to facilitate entrance to the Mazer Archives.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2012 DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Board offered and received testimony regarding the nominations for the various categories of the 2012 Disability Service Awards. The Board voted to honor the following recipients:

- *Lovedy Brydon Differently Abled Individual Award to Nadia Sutton*
- *Business Award to Gelson's Market West Hollywood*
- *Non-Profit Award to Toy Box Story*
- *Media Award to Frontiers Magazine*

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2012 DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS AND TELEVISED MEETING

The Board voted to invite Damien Gonsalves to provide musical entertainment at the beginning of the meeting. They also agreed to invite student Adam Walden to play a piece on his cello at the close of the meeting, and will present Adam and his mother with a commendation.

The DAB members will share in presenting the script for the slide show of the Board's past year's activities.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni reported the following:

A. Future DAB Meetings:

- Corri Planck and David Giugni will be sharing the staff liaison duties.

B. Budget for the DAB

- So far the costs incurred include \$3,500 for the banners, \$300 for posters, and approximately \$1,500 for the printer. Unspent funds can be rolled over.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Yola Dore commended the Board on the selection of awardees, and reported that she had a great time at the banner shoot. She suggested that in the future nominations for awards be made for individuals and businesses who specialize in serving people with disabilities.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES

Jim Chud reported that the Planning Commission meeting was cancelled again. He thanked the Board for working together with the nominations.

Michael Arrigo missed the last Transportation Commission meeting, but said their work is moving along. He would like to have televised meetings.

Larry Block announced that at the November meeting there will be discussion of new Board liaison assignments.

Suzanne Dietrich spoke about how Cable TV had promised a discount for low-income seniors and disabled, and requested that this item be agendized in the new year.

Rick Watts announced that the Council will acknowledge Disability Month at their next meeting. He suggested that next year, there be banners for Recovery Month. He spoke about his father who was honored for his life's work in New Mexico.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Rick Watts will report to Council offices about the DAB's September 24th meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm in honor of Rick Watts' father, James "Nollie" Watts and for Recovery Month to its next meeting on Monday, October 24, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



DAB Chair & Larry Block