

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

## *Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board*

**May 29, 2013**

***Community Conference Room, City Hall***

### **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**

A community member led the pledge of allegiance.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, James Chud, Suzanne Dietrich, Anny Semonco and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Thomas De Lorenzo and Louise Smith

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

### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for May 29, 2013 was approved.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting were approved.

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marcy Norton, Public Safety Commissioner, raised several issues about the library, including a denied donation of large print books, the delay of the NOD items, and ergonomic chairs for the public.

Esther Baum, Senior Advisory Board member, also was critical of the library which did not accept her collection of maps. It is now housed at the Central Library in downtown L.A.

These concerns will be agendized for a future meeting.

### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. HIV AIDS PREVENTION**

Tyler Baker Wilkinson, program manager of the Gay & Lesbian Center's The SPOT and Jeff Bailey, APLA's Director of Client Services, spoke about the wide range of services that they offer to people with HIV and AIDS to reduce the community viral load. They noted the major crystal meth problem and generational differences in service needs and perceptions of the disease.

David Giugni, staff liaison, updated the Board on the current HIV prevention campaign, which includes a substance abuse component, as well as the

continued I Am, We Are effort which focuses on the positive aspects of the community.

**B. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY STUDY 2013 UPDATE**

Corri Planck, staff liaison, thanked the DAB for their input to help set priorities for the Community Study. She reviewed the staff item about survey results which revealed an 83% "excellent" response from people living with disabilities in regard to the quality of life in the City.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH BANNERS**

The DAB formed a subcommittee to draw up a list of historic and iconic persons to be featured on banners, supplementing last year's banners of past awardees.

**9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Kim Patterson updated the DAB on the progress of the NOD award purchases for the West Hollywood Library. All items have been received. The next steps are installation and training, followed by publicity, signage and brochures to inform the public of these items.

Corri Planck announced that the CSW parade on June 8 will include a fully-accessible CityLine vehicle.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**11. REMARKS BY BOARDMEMBERS**

Vice-Chair Chud suggested that other events for the disabled not be scheduled during DAB meetings.

Michael Arrigo announced that Access Services will start public meetings in June.

Rick Watts thanked everyone on the DAB who helped at the Senior Fair.

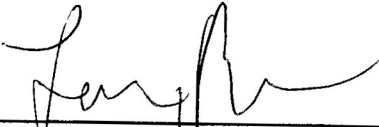
Suzanne moved to have the meeting adjourned in memory of Lt. Jim Farrell.

**12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Chair Block volunteered.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Lt. Jim Farrell at 7:55 pm to its next meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 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