

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

January 27, 2016

Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Suzanne Dietrich led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jim Chud, Suzanne Dietrich, Yola Dore, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, Rick Watts, and Michael Wojtkielewicz

ABSENT: Marco Colantonio and Brian Zeiden

STAFF PRESENT: Corri Planck and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the January 27, 2016 meeting was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting were approved with amendments from Jim Chud and Michael Wojtkielewicz. There was one abstention.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. STATUS OF WOMEN REPORT

The Board made recommendations for Board Member Anny Semonco to take to the Women's Advisory Board meeting regarding the Status of Women Report.

B. SOCIAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FUNDING PROCESS AND JOINT SESSION

The Board also discussed several questions regarding social services needs in preparation for a joint meeting of Advisory Board and Commission chairs with the Human Service Commission focused on the upcoming RFP for social services contracts.

C. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD AND DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD JOINT MEETING ON THE PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG PRICING

The Board discussed holding a joint town hall meeting with the SAB and other interested Boards and Commissions. A subcommittee was formed which includes Suzanne Dietrich, Yola Dore, Chair Smith and Rick Watts, with Anny Semonco as alternate.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Harker, resident, addressed 7B and said that there is a gap in service delivery between people who need services and agencies that need clients. She also stated that a recent Rent Stabilization seminar was a good model for a free flow of information.

Nir Zilberman, resident, appreciated the City's desire to help its constituents, but would like the City Council to act more quickly to address their needs.

10. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

Suzanne Dietrich requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Brad Burlingame and Vani Batchi. She also spoke about the Volunteer Service Day in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rick Watts announced the homeless count (Jan. 28), the clothing drive for the LA LGBT Center's Youth program, and upcoming week of fasting and donating to those in need here and internationally.

Chair Smith announced the Abilities Expo at the Convention Center on February 5.

Michael Wojtkielewicz thanked the public for attending the meeting. He raised concerns about comments at the Human Services Commission meeting: 1) from an agency that wished they had more clients, and 2) people with mental health issues were referred to as "crazy" or "nuts". He recommended that assisted visual devices be used for Council meetings. He mentioned that Anny Semonco could not be seen on the dais during the televised meeting. He requested that the Board agendaize accessibility issues, including at Hart Park.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Derek Murray announced that there are now PrEP materials for transgender people.

Corri Planck announced that bins are set up at City Hall for the clothing drive for LGBT youth. They need clothing for work and interviews, as well as warm clothes.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm in memory of Brad Burlingame and Vani Batchi and in honor of International Holocaust Survivors Remembrance Day. The next meeting

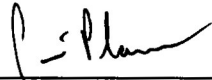
will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in Rooms 5 & 6 of the Community Center at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.



LOUISE SMITH,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



CORRI PLANCK,
STAFF LIAISON

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