

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

May 25, 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

Cathy Blavis led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Yola Dore, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, Rick Watts and Michael Wojtkielewicz.

ABSENT: Jim Chud and Suzanne Dietrich

STAFF PRESENT: Corri Planck and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the May 25, 2016 meeting was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting, with the amendment that three minute Public Comment reflects the by-laws, were carried over to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum, with one abstention and two absences.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Harker spoke about reasonable accommodation.

Cathy Blavis suggested creating an ad hoc ADA inspection committee.

Tom Demille would like to create a needs assessment for HIV+ residents.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE REGARDING THE PROCUREMENT OF NEW TRANSIT SERVICES VEHICLES

The Board received an update from Perri Sloane Goodman, Transit Program Administrator, regarding the procurement of new transit services vehicles through grants from LA Metro which will provide increased services to constituents. The vehicles will be "green" with the use of propane, and will have bike racks.

Michael Dolan, resident, raised concerns about the safety and accessibility of the new vehicles.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. REPORT FROM PHARMACEUTICAL PRICING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Smith gave a report from the Pharmaceutical Pricing Subcommittee. They discussed potential topics to be covered by the panel, possible moderators and panelists, as well as an Action Center with non-profit organizations following the panel discussion. The subcommittee recommended either Wednesday, September 14 or Wednesday, September 21 for the Town Hall.

B. SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

The Board chose two giveaways: a clip-on light and a head light. Suggestions were made for entertainment and new street banners.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

10. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

Yola Dore proposed that a campaign be initiated called "Disabled but Able to Vote". The Board unanimously agreed to endorse this.

Anny Semonco attended the Women's Advisory Board meeting where there was discussion about the state legislature possible passing of the elimination of a statute of limitations for rape. She also attended the Women's Leadership Conference and thought it was excellent and more concise. In addition, she attended the Transportation Commission's meeting which discussed improved and safer traffic flow at four intersections.

Rick Watts said that the crosswalk upgrades in the past few years are due in no small part to the advocacy of the DAB. He suggested that code compliance might be included in the ADA compliance efforts. He also passed around a get well card for Ivy Bottini.

Chair Smith joined other Board members in welcoming Joy Freiberg and Tom Demille to the Board.

Michael Wojtkielewicz thanked the public for their attendance and participation in the meeting. He would like to talk with tenants in the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation about the needs assessment idea. He suggested a review of the by-laws, especially given the two new Board members. He noted that he doesn't see anything in the Municipal Code that explains any Boards' purview or limits. He mentioned that the Street Media Ad Hoc Committee meeting was cancelled, but addressed concern that people with visual impairment might have difficulty with the Gateway Plaza entrances' signage. He helped staff the DAB table

at the Senior Health Fair and suggested bringing service animals for brief engagements with participants.

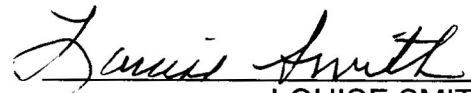
11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Corri Planck proposed that the review of the by-laws be agendaized for the July meeting and there were four in favor and one abstention. The by-laws will be sent to the Board. She announced that the Volunteer Awards will be held on June 1 in Rooms 5 & 6 of the Community Center. The Pride float for Boards and Commissions is now full so any cancellations should be reported to enable people on the waiting list to participate. Lastly, she announced that on June 10 the Dyke March will start and finish at West Hollywood Park, and the awardees will be the Mazer Archives.

12. ADJOURNMENT


The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 6 PM 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 25th
DAY OF MAY, 2016.



LOUISE SMITH,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



CORRI PLANCK,
STAFF LIAISON

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