

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board **March 22, 2017** *Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Larry Block led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom Demille, Suzanne Dietrich, Yola Dore, Joy Freiberg, Louise Smith and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Anny Semonco

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Mithers, Derek Murray and Kim Patterson

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the March 22, 2017 meeting was approved by the Board.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 22, 2017 meeting were approved by the Board.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Block, resident, spoke about bulk rate health insurance and an Annual Make-a-Wish West Hollywood idea.

Anthony Bright, Program Manager at the Westside Center for Independent Living, thanked the City for their grant, introduced the agency to the Board, and reported on the press conference about the impact of the possible repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Disabilities Advisory Board received a report on the first meeting of the Disabilities Awareness Month Subcommittee which is planning the annual Health and Wellness Event and Service Awards.

B. ARTS COMMISSION PLANNING

The Disabilities Advisory Board received an outline of the strategy for the Arts Commission to get Disabilities Advisory Board input. Board members will be

interviewed Arts Division staff on their ideas for the future of the arts in West Hollywood. They can notify staff if they do not wish to be contacted.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. ADA PLAN TO METRO FOR TRANSIT SERVICES

The Board received a presentation from Perri Sloane Goodman, Transportation Program Administrator, on the ADA Compliance Plan for Metro Transit Services which includes the following areas:

- ***Accommodation requests and complaints***
- ***Staff Training***
- ***Public Information***
- ***Physical access to facilities and vehicles***

She also addressed questions and concerns from the Board.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Diane Burbie, Managing Principal of the ASPIRE Group, facilitated the third and final part of the strategic planning session with the Board. They unanimously approved the Annual Work Plan, and established a subcommittee for Action 2.3 (community event) that will include Joy Freiberg, Suzanne Dietrich, and Louise Smith. They also decided to combine Action 3.1 (Pharmaceutical Pricing Town Hall) with Action 1.2 (October Televised Event), and broaden the focus from pharmaceutical pricing to health care.

5. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Joan Mithers announced that Steve Wayland from PAWS/LA is available to speak about service animals at the April meeting. 4 members of the Board voted Aye, and 2 voted Nay.

Derek Murray announced the March 23 rally at Grand & Temple to save the Affordable Care Act, and the April 1 Braille Institute Tech Talk at the West Hollywood Library Community Room.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Adriel Rodriguez, community organizer from the Institute for Public Strategies' WeHo Project, announced their plan to interview residents about substance abuse.

7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Joy Freiberg requested that the Board agendaize a discussion about an automated telephone check-in system for people who live alone. The Board unanimously agreed to agendaize the discussion.

Rick Watts requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of all people who die alone, and in honor of his father on his 98th birthday. He also asked if the

screening of the Tweakers film has been re-scheduled yet. He announced that the Abilities Expo will be held this week at the Convention Center. He asked that the Board check out the Women's History Month street banners to get ideas for new DAB banners.

Chair Dore asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of all disabled people who have died.

8. ADJOURNMENT


The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM in memory of all people who die alone and all disabled people who have died, and in honor of Rick Watt's father to its next special meeting, which will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in Rooms 5&6 of Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 22ND DAY OF MARCH 2017.



YOLA DORE,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



DEREK MURRAY,
STAFF LIAISON

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