

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board June 27, 2018 Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Freiberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Chair and Board members, Rick Watts and Yola Dore, shared remembrances of Suzanne Dietrich who had previously served on the Board, and moved to adjourn in her memory.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Mikie Friedman led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Yola Dore, Joy Freiberg, Mikie Friedman, Danny Hang, David Nash, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Roderick Renfrew

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Mithers, Derek Murray, and Kim Patterson

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the June 27, 2018 meeting was approved by the Board.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roxana Aslan, resident, spoke about accessibility at the Pride Festival and about the City's internship policy.

2.. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting were approved by the Board.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. TRANSIT SERVICES UPDATE

Perri Sloane Goodman, Transit Program Administrator, gave an update on the City's transportation services, including the launch of the new "Sunset Trip" shuttle, the status of the Request for Proposals for new contractors, as well as technological and other changes. Francisco Gomez, Transit Program Administrator, reported on the new on-call program with Ambiance Transportation that, pending approval by the City Council, will

replace the taxi program. Ambiance will use its own vehicles and drivers during regular business hours and partner with Lyft to ensure 24 hour/7day coverage. Nancy Rincon and Johnetta Walker of MV Transportation reported on their sensitivity and accessibility training of their drivers and new features for confirmation and notification to clients.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Chair Semonco read the minutes of the subcommittee and the Board approved all of the recommendations.

B. OUTREACH EVENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Due to not being able to participate in the second location selected for outreach during National Night Out, the Board voted to limit participation to one location, the Gateway event. Staff distributed a sign-up sheet for Boardmember participation at that event.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff reported on the follow-up response from Peter Noonan, Manager of the Rent Stabilization and Housing Division. He said that the City is sharing the DAB's recommendations with developers and requiring adaptability features in new affordable units, including solid bathroom walls, raised electrical outlets, door handles (instead of knobs), and wheelchair access under sinks. Internal discussions on how best to introduce requirements for universal design features in all new construction are upcoming. Staff thanked the Board for their input that led to these requirements.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric John Schmidt, resident, asked about the decision of the Board to not have a presence on the Eastside during National Night Out.

Staff answered his question after the meeting.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Board members spoke to the Public Comment about accessibility at Pride, and staff will report back after following up with appropriate City staff.

Danny Hang wished everyone Happy Pride Month. He attended both the West Hollywood and New York City Pride Festivals.

Mikie Friedman noted the "best accessible bathroom" at Mercury Blue in Sunset Plaza.

Louise Smith attended the LA County Board of Supervisors meeting where 22 scholarships were awarded, doubling the number from last year. She also asked about how disabled homeless people are assisted in West Hollywood. Staff will report back at the next meeting.

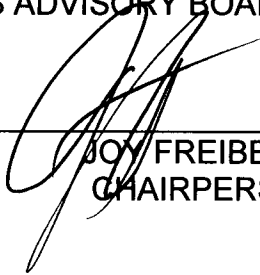
Yola Dore reported that she enjoyed riding on the Boards & Commissions float, and thanked staff for the tributes to Suzanne Dietrich.

Chair Joy Freiberg thanked all of the presenters and said that she, too, enjoyed riding on the float.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Suzanne Dietrich at 7:20 PM to its next meeting on **July 25, 2018** beginning at **6 PM** in **Rooms 5 & 6 of Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
ON THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2018.



JOY FREIBERG,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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