

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board August 22, 2018 Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Danny Hang led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Joy Freiberg

STAFF PRESENT: Derek Murray, Leslie Isenberg and Kim Patterson

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the August 22, 2018 meeting was approved by the Board.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Harker, resident, thanked the Board for their outreach at National Night Out (NNO), and announced that she has contacted Supervisor Kuehl regarding Hart Park accessibility.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting were approved by the Board.

B. NEWSLETTER

The Board approved the draft newsletter for October 2018.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE FROM HOUSING AND RENT STABILIZATION

Peter Noonan, Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager, gave a presentation regarding the resolution for earthquake retrofitting cost sharing and annual rental increases allowed under the City's Rent Stabilization ordinance.

B. SELECTION OF DISABILITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Francisco Javier Valenzuela spoke under Public Comment regarding his nomination.

The Board made the following selections:

- Elizabeth Savage for the Individual Award
- 24 Hour Fitness for the Business Award
- LA County Fire Department/West Hollywood for the Non-Profit Award
- NBC/LA's "Communicating on Canvas" for the Media Award
- A posthumous special plaque to Rita Norton

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Rick Watts reported on the subcommittee meeting, and the Board approved all of the recommendations, with the revision of adding the presentation posthumously of a special plaque to Rita Norton at the Disability Service Awards. The subcommittee will discuss at their next meeting the possibility of screening other videos, presenting other special plaques, and photography at the events.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Derek Murray reviewed the "Save the Date" email from the City Clerk's office for the Wednesday, September 26 annual training, the Saturday, November 10 AB1234 training, and the Wednesday, November 28 Annual Congress. The regularly scheduled Board meeting on Wednesday, September 26 has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 20, from 6pm to 8pm, in Fiesta Hall. He also announced that beginning in September, all Board and Commission meetings will be podcast, so all participants should be mindful of speaking directly into the microphone and making private comments away from the recording area. Lastly, he thanked all the Board members who participated in the outreach at NNO.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Roderick Renfrew said that the past year has been challenging health-wise, but he is glad to be able to return to Board meetings.

Danny Hang welcomed Roderick Renfrew back. He found Peter Noonan's presentation insightful, agreed that the Board's work at NNO was a success, thought the nominees were fantastic, and congratulated Chair

Friedman for doing a great job at leading her first meeting.

David Nash spoke about the hazards of rental scooters.

Anny Semonco announced Women's Equality Day which will be held Sunday, August 26 in Council Chambers. She enjoyed NNO which she attended for the first time.

Rick Watts moved to adjourn in memory of Rita Norton and Reverend Scott Imler.

Louise Smith announced that the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities, Supervisorial District Three Awards will honor Board members Yola Dore and Anny Semonco. She invited the Board to attend the Monday, October 15 Access luncheon at the Omni Hotel Downtown and requested the City provide transportation. She announced new Be Well WeHo classes that will be held in September and October at Plummer Park.

Yola Dore said that she was humbled and honored by the County Commission's award. She attended the first WeHo Recreation Expo and invited them to speak at the Board. She thanked the staff, Board, and subcommittee for their work.

Chair Friedman thanked Peter Noonan for his presentation. She also thanked the Board for their ongoing work, and welcomed Roderick Renfrew back.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:15 PM to its special meeting on **Thursday, September 20, 2018** beginning at **6 PM at Fiesta Hall, 1200 N. Vista St., West Hollywood, CA 90046.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
ON THIS 22nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.



MIKIE FRIEDMAN,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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