

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

July 25, 2018

Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Louise Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Roderick Renfrew and Anny Semonco

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the July 25, 2018 meeting was approved by the Board.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting were approved by the Board.

3. ELECTIONS

Chairperson Freiberg thanked the Board and staff for their work during her tenure, and detailed the accomplishments of the Board in the past year.

Mikie Friedman was unanimously elected Chairperson, and Joy Freiberg was elected Vice-Chair.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY SERVICES

Matt Gill, Library Manager, outlined the many services that the West Hollywood Library provides to accommodate the needs of people with

sight, hearing, or mobility impairments. He announced yesterday's launch of the website's redesign, and spoke about the many books, courses, and films available on-line.

B. SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION PROCESS

The Board reviewed the service award nomination process.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mikie Friedman reported on the subcommittee meeting, and the Board approved all of the recommendations, with the revision of having two keynote speakers, if both are available.

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Derek Murray gave a report back regarding last month's Public Comment on Christopher Street West accessibility. Event Services will share CSW's draft 2019 plan when it is completed. He also reviewed the National Night Out sign-ups for tabling at the Gateway Plaza on August 7.

Joan Mithers reported back on Louise Smith's question about services for disabled homeless people. Disabilities are included as part of the evaluation process when using the County Coordinated Entry System. One of the outreach teams in the City has a nurse who can help with health related concerns. The City has a higher number of HIV+ homeless persons than the County and has added an outreach worker from APLA. There will be a report on homeless services at the next Human Services Commission meeting. She announced that Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, will staff the August Board meeting with Derek Murray because Joan will be away.

Both staff members thanked Chairperson Freiberg for leading the Board in a great year, and they look forward to an exciting year with the new Chairperson and the Board.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

David Nash asked staff to get back to him about the possibility of the purchase of the largest digital display available for both the West Hollywood Library and Council Chambers. He thanked Robin Conerly for her work with the West Hollywood Community Housing Coalition.

Mikie Friedman spoke about the danger of scooters and hoped that the City Council will take action. She also addressed concerns about rental increases and seismic retrofitting costs.

Louise Smith shared concerns about rental increases and how it would affect low income people with disabilities. She made a motion to agendaize a discussion on the topic and the Board approved the motion. Derek Murray said that the Board could make a recommendation to the Housing and Rent Stabilization Commission and then appoint a Board member to speak during Public Comment on behalf of the Board. Board member Smith encouraged Board members attend the Seniors In Action discussions that are held at 2 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Community Room of the West Hollywood Library.

Rick Watts also spoke about scooters and rental increases. He raised the point that substance abuse among the homeless is another issue, and encouraged the Board to interact with Corri Planck with their concerns.

Yola Dore announced that the Rent Stabilization Commission will meet tomorrow and will soon make a presentation to the City Council regarding rental increases. She also reported that Council has ruled against rental scooters in the City. Lastly, she said that City staff work tirelessly on resolving homelessness, but that many homeless people do not want the services.

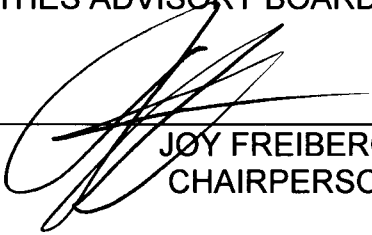
All of the Board members thanked Chair Freiberg and Vice-Chair Semonco for their great work during the past year, and thanked staff for going above and beyond in assisting the Board.

Chair Joy Freiberg thanked Matt Gill and wished the new Chairperson good luck. She welcomes serving as Vice-Chair with her. As Public Safety Commission liaison, she announced that the sheriffs are checking for disabled placard abuse. Joan Mithers added that Parking Enforcement is tentatively scheduled to speak at the September Board meeting, along with the DMV and staff will check to see if someone from the sheriff's office can attend.

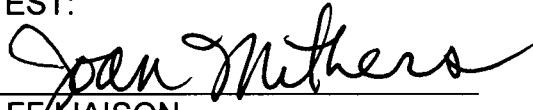
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:30 PM to its next meeting on **August 22, 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 25th DAY OF JULY, 2018.


JOY FREIBERG,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON

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