

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board September 26, 2018 Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Yola Dore led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the September 26, 2018 meeting was approved by the Board.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Barrett recommended the installation of a videophone at City Hall or West Hollywood Library, to assist the deaf and hard-of-hearing with communication.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting were approved by the Board with the addition in 3B of the presentation of a special posthumous plaque for Rita Norton.

B. DISABLED PLACARD ENFORCEMENT

The Board received and filed information regarding the current efforts in the City of West Hollywood to reduce the incidence of fraudulent use of disabled placards.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. WORK PLAN REVIEW AND STUDY SESSION PREPARATION

The Board reviewed the current work plan and raised many ideas for the 2019 work plan in preparation for the study session on December 5. Staff will prepare a document that the Board can review and consider priority items for the new year.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Louise Smith reported on the subcommittee meeting, and gave an update that all awardees have now confirmed their participation. The Board decided on which members will present awards. Staff asked everyone to arrive by 4:30 PM on October 24 at Council Chambers so they can have photos taken and greet the guests in time for the 5 PM reception.

B. LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Board members updated the current liaison assignments to the Boards and Commissions.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff congratulated the Board on the past year's accomplishments, and congratulated Yola Dore and Anny Semonco on their County Commission awards.

Staff made the following announcements:

- a) There will be a Pride community forum on Saturday, September 29 from 10 AM – Noon at Council Chambers where people discuss the 2018 event, give feedback and suggestions for future programming and meet the new Christopher Street West officials.
- b) The Community Study Kick-Off will be held on Tuesday, September 25, from 6-8 PM at Plummer Park in Rooms 5 & 6.
- c) Reminder that the Board should arrive at 4:30 PM at Council Chambers for the annual televised meeting on October 24.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Yola Dore announced the book signing on Friday, September 21 of Lorna Luft's memoir and the discussion with Patt Morrison and Larry Mantle on free speech on Friday, September 29. Both events will be held in Council Chambers. She joined the Board in wishing Louise Smith a happy belated birthday.

Rick Watts attended the Rev. Scott Imler memorial and the Autism Rocks concert. He noticed that Santa Monica is improving on the scooter issue, and that their signage has changed and is more prominently displayed. He also noted changes in West Hollywood stores' signs regarding service

animals. Lastly, he reminded the Board the annual Boards and Commissions training will be held on Wednesday, September 26 from 6-8 PM in Council Chambers.

Vice-Chair Joy Freiberg complimented the Board's outreach at National Night Out, and suggested that future outings include clear signage at the table. She suggested that a future newsletter include apps for people with disabilities.

Anny Semonco viewed and recommended the film about Gloria Allred.

Louise Smith reminded the Board of the LA County Commission on Disabilities' awards luncheon on Oct. 15. She announced that there will be a new system for the 2020 elections.

David Nash announced that the Dayle McIntosh Foundation has a service that orients people on smart phones. He also recommended that a new crosswalk be installed for safer access to the Cityline stop across the street from his building.

Danny Hang thanked the staff for seamlessly moving the meeting to Fiesta Hall. He also raised interest in having Council appoint an ex-officio young member to the Board.

Roderick Renfrew encouraged everyone to vote. He also spoke highly of Cedars-Sinai Hospital for the care he received.

Chair Mikie Friedman reminded the Board that October 8 is the deadline to register to vote. She also thanked staff for their work, and expressed disappointment that an ASL translator was not available for Public Comment. Lastly, she announced that she suspects that a car dealer near her residence may be fraudulently using disabled placards.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:15 PM to its next special meeting on **Wednesday, October 24, 2018** beginning at **6 PM in Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
ON THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.


MIKIE FRIEDMAN,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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