

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mikie Friedman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Joy Freiberg 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: Derek Murray, Joan Mithers and Kim Patterson

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the December 5, 2018 meeting was approved by the Board.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. 2019 DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD WORKPLAN

Staff began the study session by outlining the goals and objectives of the study session and reviewed the Board's accomplishments of the past year. Teri Traaen facilitated the study session and the Board developed the 2019 workplan.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff announced that at the next meeting in January the Board will approve the finalized work plan, and reminded everyone that the Community Study surveys are due on Friday. They pointed the Board to flyers from the West Hollywood Recovery Center where marathon meetings will be held during the holidays. Lastly, they wished the Board happy holidays and happy new year.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

The Board thanked its fellow members and City staff for a productive year, and thanked Teri Traaen for her facilitation of the study session.

Yola Dore moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of President George H.W. Bush who signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Rick Watts announced that he had a card for the Bush family that people could sign. He attended the annual County cremation of people whose remains were unclaimed during 2018. He also acknowledged World AIDS Day, and in particular the work of Congressperson Adam Schiff on behalf of the disabled and people with HIV/AIDS.

Anny Semonco toured the Hibiscus Apartments and was very impressed with the accessibility features of the 21 units.

Louise Smith attended the County Commission on Disabilities where she learned from the Aging in Place presentation that 2.2 million people in the County will become seniors within the next ten years. She also attended the Annual Congress which she found interesting and fun.

Danny Hang moved to adjourn in remembrance of the people who lost their homes in the recent fires, and recognized the local fire department which deployed to those fires.

David Nash shared the Board's housing accessibility report with the Actors Fund. He suggested that the Board review the televised meeting to see what could be edited in the future to eliminate the overtime.

Vice-Chair Freiberg expressed concern about the homebound and firemen who are in danger during a fire. She announced that the City Council passed Green Mondays when people are encouraged to substitute meat and dairy with vegetarian dishes to help save the environment.

Chair Friedman announced two programs which she learned about: a) accessiblego.com for travel tips for the disabled and b) LA Gold which assists children with disabilities.


9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned in memory of President George H.W. Bush and in remembrance of the people who lost their homes in the recent fires at 7:45 PM to its next meeting on **Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6 PM in Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.**



MIKIE FRIEDMAN,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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