

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

March 27, 2019

Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember David Nash 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 March 27, 2019 meeting was approved by the Board.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Blaivas, resident, spoke about accessibility issues in Council Chambers.

Stephanie Harker, resident, spoke about accessibility at Hart Park.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The amended minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting were approved by the Board, with a date correction.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES PANEL

The Board received a presentation from Robert Boller of Project Angel Food, Diane Schneider of Jewish Family Service Senior Nutrition, Fred Summers of Jewish Family Service SOVA, and Steve Wayland of PAWS/LA, about Food and Nutrition Services for West Hollywood community members. They detailed the congregate and home-delivered meals programs, food pantry, and support for pets, all of which improve the quality of life for residents in need.

B. FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAMMING DISCUSSION

The Board discussed social service programming needs of community members with disabilities who are experiencing food insecurity and developed recommendations for the Public Hearing on Social Services on Tuesday, April 9 at 6 PM in Council Chambers. The Board recommends the continuation of current food and nutrition services, and provision of additional funding to address people with catastrophic illness and the increasing number of people who are older and/or disabled, and allowance for more and better food choices for people receiving services.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff made the following announcements:

- The Public Safety Awards will be held on Monday, May 13; nominations are due by April 15.
- Tomorrow at 6 PM in the West Hollywood Library the final meeting with Metro concerning the possible Metro extension to West Hollywood will be held.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Arrigo, former Board member, thanked all the panelists for their presentations, and suggested that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Jim Chud. He also spoke about the proposed \$18 million cut from Special Olympics funding. Lastly, he encouraged the Board to produce their own PSAs through cable TV's Channel 36.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Multiple Boardmembers thanked the panelists and agreed with the suggestion to adjourn in memory of former Board member Jim Chud.

Yola Dore asked the Board for their support as she goes through more medical procedures next month.

David Nash spoke about the size of monitors in Council Chambers.

Louise Smith hoped the City would honor Jim Chud more formally. She reiterated that the County Commission on Disabilities will hold a sports event on April 26, 2019 which will raise funds for scholarships. She will host anyone on the Board who would like to attend.

Vice-Chair Freiberg requested an update about accessibility during the upcoming

Pride activities. Staff will follow-up.

Chair Friedman announced that Congress has objected to the cuts to the Special Olympics.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Jim Chud at 8 PM to its next meeting on April 24, 2019 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 MARCH, 2019.



MIKIE FRIEDMAN,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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