

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board August 28, 2019 Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rick Watts led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Joy Freiberg

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Mithers and Derek Murray

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the August 28, 2019 meeting was approved by the Board.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 24, 2019 meeting were approved by the Board.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. SELECTION OF DISABILITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Board selected the following honorees for the Disability Service Awards:

- Individual Award – Fred Goodman
- Non-Profit Award – The Actors Fund
- Business Award – Ambiance Transportation
- Media Award – Juan Fernandez

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Board approved the Subcommittee's recommendations, including an update to Disabilities Awareness Month marketing materials; the confirmation of Jonathan Cowley as a presenter at the televised meeting; and for Board members to say a few words during "Items from the Board" about the theme of the televised meeting, "Pride in Our Abilities". In addition, former Board member Jim Chud will be honored in memoriam and a special recognition plaque will be presented at the televised meeting.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff made the following comments:

- The Complete Count Committee for Census 2020 will have its first meeting on September 18th. Board Member Watts is the DAB representative, and Board Member Dore is the alternate. However the meeting is open to all.
- The Board's Outreach Event during National Night Out was successful, although there was limited Board participation. Staff asked the Board to take into account the heat and the time of day when planning the next event, so that more Board members can participate in community outreach.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Zachary Gaidzik, field deputy for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, introduced himself to the Board and encouraged Board members to reach out to him with questions for Supervisor Kuehl's office.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

David Nash thanked the Board for honoring his nominees and asked staff for follow-up on a Council item regarding Ambiance Transportation.

Louise Smith invited Board members to attend the Los Angeles Commission on Disabilities' Annual Access Awards Luncheon in October.

Mikie Friedman spoke about the Stop Senior Scams acting troupe and asked staff if her Service Award nominee can be invited to table the Disabilities Resource Fair. She also spoke about a negative experience she had at the Abbey 25 years ago.

Rick Watts spoke of the Social Services Division's new Substance Abuse Resource Guide and said that the guide should be distributed to businesses in the City that sell items of drug paraphernalia, such as "meth pipes".

Yola Dore spoke about a negative experience she had at the Abbey that was resolved by management. She also mentioned an upcoming cancer fundraiser that will be held at the Abbey.

Anny Semonco spoke of challenges she experienced when participating in the CicLAvia event. She asked the City and CicLAvia to be more considerate of people who use walkers and wheelchairs. She also spoke of the Equal Rights Amendment and the Women's Equality Day Commemoration event held in the City.

Danny Hang thanked all the nominees for their work on behalf of people with disabilities and congratulated the 2019 Disability Service Award honorees.

9. ADJOURNMENT


The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8 PM to its next meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 beginning at 6 PM in Rooms 5 & 6 at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON
THIS 28th DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.



DANNY HANG,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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