

MINUTES
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022
6:00 PM

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blood called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Hang led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Danny Gomez

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Mithers, Doug Nguyen, and Joyce Britton

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the April 27, 2022, meeting was approved by the Board. **Motion by Boardmember Smith to approve the Wednesday, April 27, 2022, Agenda, seconded by Boardmember Watt.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: The minutes of March 23, 2022, were approved by roll call vote with a **motion by Boardmember Dore** to correct the spelling of Dena Saur's name in the adjournment motions.

Motion to approve the Minutes by Boardmember Friedman, seconded by Boardmember Smith.

- 1) Receive and approve minutes of the March 23, 2022, meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Disabilities Advisory Board received a presentation from Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison, on City legislative priorities and activities.

ACTION:

- 1) Received and discussed.

B. ACCESSIBLE VOTING OPTIONS

The Disabilities Advisory Board received a presentation and updates on voting and accessible vote centers from Melissa Crowder, City Clerk.

RECOMMENDATION:

Received and filed.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Oliver, West Hollywood resident, spoke about keeping people with disabilities front and center in the conversation as vital. He thanked the Board for their hard work.

Kim Burton, DCRC, introduced herself and spoke about the services they provide. She provided her phone number, 310-390-3611 ext. 266, and email address, kimb@dcrc.com.

7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Boardmember Dore' mentioned that she was proud of everyone and their efforts personally and professionally. She mentioned that May is "Older Person's Month".

Boardmember Friedman spoke about working with DCRC and how it has been a wonderful experience. She mentioned that they have been making her home more accessible and that she found out about the program through Boardmember Nash. She mentioned that had she not been on the Board, she wouldn't have known about many of the services provided and would like to see a directory distributed to everyone so they could keep it handy.

Boardmember Hang mentioned that some Cliff notes would be helpful to give residents a "one-stop shop" for information. He thanked the speakers and asked for a list of nursing facilities and the Patients Universal Bill of Rights.

Boardmember Nash requested an adjournment in honor of Terrence Lee Jones.

Boardmember Semonco spoke about getting information on services out to people and mentioned how DCRC has helped her.

Boardmember Smith concurred with the idea of getting more information out. She would like the brochure to be revised with more specific information about what each organization does, including their hours of operation, etc.

Boardmember Watts spoke about the delay in getting services for someone when they need them most and prioritizing the qualification for the services based on need.

Chair Blood thanked the speakers and City staff for everything they do. He asked staff to agendaize how the DAB can lobby or work with getting the pamphlets of information out. He asked that gender pronouns be added for all City officials and Boardmembers. He recognized Vice Chair Gomez for all that he's accomplishing and mentioned that two people with Down Syndrome are playing characters in a show, bringing awareness and inclusivity.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Doug Nguyen, Social Services Division, extended the meeting by ten minutes and spoke about a new strategy core direction from the City Manager's Office about having one representative from each Board/Commission to be represented in a focus group on community safety and well-being initiatives. It was decided by roll-call vote that Boardmember Watts would be the representative with Boardmember Friedman as an alternate.

Joan Mithers, Social Services Division, spoke about the return to in-person meetings. The DAB meeting will continue via teleconference for an additional three months, June, July, and August. It will then be reevaluated based on Covid safety considerations.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:23 pm in memory of Terrence Lee Jones to its next meeting, which will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, 2022.

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Patrick Blood

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PATRICK BLOOD,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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Joan Mithers

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STAFF LIAISON

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