

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

January 26, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blood called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Watts led the pledge of allegiance.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Derek Murray, Joan Mithers, and Doug Nguyen

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ACTION: The agenda for the January 26, 2022, meeting was approved by the Board. **Motion by Boardmember Dore to approve the Wednesday, January 26, 2022, Agenda, seconded by Boardmember Nash.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION: The minutes of December 8, 2021, were approved. **Motion to approve the Minutes, by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Watts.**

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DESIGNATION OF A DELEGATE TO PROVIDE INPUT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PRIORITIES AT A MEETING OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

The Disabilities Advisory Board provided input to the Social Services staff on the social service needs of community members living with disabilities. Designation of the Chair or an alternate Boardmember was continued to the February meeting.

B. DISABILITIES ADIVISORY BOARD 2022 WORK PLAN

The Disabilities Advisory Board discussed ideas for presentations and action items for the 2022 Work Plan. Finalizing the 2022 Work Plan was continued to the February meeting.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Boardmember Friedman discussed use of vehicle placards for members of the community living with disabilities.

Boardmember Hang encouraged people to get tested for COVID-19, vaccinated, and receive boosters when available. He also discussed the need for increased sidewalk safety for scooters and pedestrians.

Boardmember Nash discussed streamlining social services and transportation services enrollment for community members.

Boardmember Watts recommended having presentation on housing legislation that affects seniors and members of the community living with disabilities.

Boardmember Semonco discussed the importance for everyone to be their own health advocate and to reach out to City staff and City Council members when needed. She also warned to be aware of scams targeting seniors and members of the community living with disabilities.

Boardmember Dore thanked the board and staff for the birthday wishes.

Boardmember Smith provided the Board with a phone number to report adult abuse.

Vice-Chair Gomez discussed mental health and encouraged Boardmembers to feel free to reach out to him if needed due to isolation or other mental health concerns.

Chair Blood thanked the Boardmembers for their ideas during the meeting. He spoke of the CDC director's comments on the Omicron variant. He spoke of his Grandmother, "Grammy Carla", who recently passed, and of her influence on him.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, discussed the amendments to the advisory board by-laws.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned, in honor of Carla Messer Blood, Betty White, Bob Saget, Dan Reeves, Laurel Bogman, Max Cleland, Meatloaf, Neil Marcus, Norm MacDonald, Senator Robert Dole, Steven Sodheim, and Sydney Portier, at 8:22 PM to the next teleconference meeting at 6:00 PM on February 23rd, 2021.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.



PATRICK BLOOD,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON

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