

**MINUTES
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
6:00 PM**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Boardmember Semonco led the pledge.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Yola Dore, Anny Semonco, Louise Smith, David Nash, Rick
Watts

ABSENT: Patrick Blood, Myra Friedman, Danny Gomez

STAFF: Joan Mithers, Derek Murray, Joyce Britton

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Disabilities Advisory Board is requested to approve the agenda of
Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

**ACTION: Motion by Boardmember Dore, seconded by Vice Chair Nash
MOTION PASSED.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Eyres, spoke about the rent increase cap and told the Board how they
can provide input on the current rent cap.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

1) Receive and approve minutes of the August 24, 2022, meeting.

**ACTION: Motion by Boardmember Dore, seconded by Vice Chair Nash
MOTION PASSED.**

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CITY CLERK UPDATES

Melissa Crowder, City Clerk, updated the Board on items related to Board purview,
Board appointments in 2023, and upcoming voter registration activities.

ACTION: Received and filed.

B. CITY CONTRACTED PARTNERS PROVIDING SERVICES TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

David Kruskall, DCRC (Disabilities Community Resource Center) and Marina Berkman, West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center (Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles) spoke about the programs, resources and services their agencies offer.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

The Disabilities Advisory Board received an update on plans for the vaccination event and the televised meeting/service awards presentations.

ACTION: Received and selected award presenters.

Voted by consensus: Presenters

Individual Award: Yola Dore

Business Award: David Nash

Non-Profit Award: Patrick Blood

Media Award: City staff will check with Boardmembers Friedman and Semonco

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Boardmember Smith spoke about the SCAN Awards for Aging in Place.

Boardmember Dore said she is proud of the Boardmembers and staff and thanked the Chair.

Vice Chair Nash spoke about the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and stated that he never received an answer from the City regarding a requirement for a manager on-site in subsidized housing buildings. He asked City staff to find out and report to the Board.

Chair Watts spoke about an article he shared on the challenges people with disabilities are experiencing when evacuating in Florida and how it relates to Californians in a disaster. He provided an update on former Boardmember Michael Arrigo.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:58 pm to its next special televised meeting which will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.



RICK WATTS,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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