

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022  
6:00 PM**

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Member Blood led the pledge.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** Derek Murray, Dee Saunders, Joyce Britton

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Disabilities Advisory Board is requested to approve the agenda of Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

**ACTION: Motion by Board Member Blood, seconded by Board Member Friedman MOTION PASSED.**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Stephanie Harker, resident, spoke in opposition of multi-stall gender neutral bathrooms in Plummer Park.

Victor Omelczenko, resident, submitted a written public comment requesting Board members read the "Community Engagement Summary" provided to the Public Safety Commission on Nov. 15, 2022.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and approve minutes of the September 28, 2022, meeting.

**ACTION: Motion by Board Member Blood, seconded by Board Member Dore, Board Member Friedman abstained  
MOTION PASSED.**

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. MULTI-STALL GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOMS**

The Disability Advisory Board received an update on a proposed zone text amendment to amend Chapter 19.20 (General Property Development and Use Standards) to require multi-stall gender-neutral restroom facilities in all new commercial developments and major remodels.

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

**B. OUTDOOR DINING**

The Board received a briefing on the City's new permanent outdoor dining efforts and share proposed design standards to ensure appropriate and inclusive access while also promoting economic enhancements for businesses in the public way.

**ACTION:** Received and discussed.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH DEBRIEF**

**ACTION:** This item was tabled to the next meeting.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Blood thanked the Board for supporting him.

Board Member Dore spoke about health challenges and thanked the Board for supporting her.

Board Member Friedman discussed the California tax refund program and said she resigned from the Vision Zero Taskforce because the taskforce is not addressing scooters.

Board Member Semonco spoke about the Board supporting and helping each other.

Board Member Smith spoke about a new Freedom Transportation program and a volunteer driver program offered through the County.

Vice Chair Nash spoke about hazards caused by dogs on retractable leashes. He said there should be a law requiring pedestrians to yield to persons in wheelchairs.

Chair Watts spoke about Michael Arrigo's memorial and wished the Board members good health and happy holidays.

**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

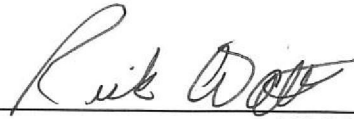
Dee Saunders, Social Services Specialist, invited the Board members to the annual Paul Andrew Starke Warrior Awards held on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2022, at 6:30pm.

Derek Murray, Acting Social Services Supervisor, reported on his presentation to the American Public Health Association on the City's HIV Zero Initiative.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

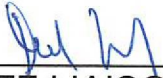
The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:27 pm, in memory of Leslie Jordan, to its next meeting which will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.



RICK WATTS,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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