

**DISABILITES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023
PLUMMER PARK - ROOMS 5 & 6
7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
6:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Dore called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and read the Land Acknowledgement.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: A. Lee Walkup led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Board Member Leathem
 Board Member Mann
 Board Member Nash
 Board Member Schwartz
 Board Member Watts
 Board Member Zaden
 Vice-Chair Smith
 Chair Dore

ABSENT: Board Member Semonco

ALSO PRESENT: Maribel Ulloa, Social Services Program Administrator
 DeeA’na Saunders, Social Services Specialist
 Michelle Liberman, Recording Secretary

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Disabilities Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda for September 27, 2023 noting staff notice of tabling Item 3.

ACTION: Approved the Agenda of Wednesday, September 27, 2023. **Motion by Vice Chair Smith, seconded by Board Member Nash, and approved by roll call vote, noting Board Member Manns absence.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNIE SEMONCO, CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, shared her support for the advisory board.

A. LEE WALKUP, CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, Older Adults Advisory Board (OAAB) member, spoke on Item 4A. He also stated West Hollywood is split between two congress men, Ted Loui, and Adam Schiff.

*** Boardmember Mann joined the meeting at 6:07pm*

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Disabilities Advisory Board is requested to approve the action minutes of Disabilities Advisory Board meeting of Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

ACTION: Approve the minutes of August 16, 2023. **Motion by Board Member Nash, seconded by Board Member Leathem, approved by roll call vote, noting Board Member Mann abstained.**

*** Item 3 was tabled.*

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. HARM REDUCTION PRESENTATION

The Disabilities Advisory Board will receive a presentation on harm reduction programming.

ACTION: Tabled till the next meeting.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH PLANNING

The Disabilities Advisory Board received an update from staff of the upcoming events scheduled for Disabilities Awareness Month in October. Kicking off on October 2nd, Council of the City of West Hollywood will present a proclamation to the Disabilities Advisory Board declaring October as Disability Awareness Month. Staff unveiled printed flyers for the Community Health & Wellness Event, taking place Tuesday, October 17th, 2023, at Plummer Park in Art Room 2, Rooms 5 & 6, and the senior lounge from 10:00am to 1:00pm, in collaboration with Cedar Sinai, featuring services such as testing for blood pressure, blood sugar, bone density, cholesterol screenings, as well as flu immunizations, from experienced ER nurses. Cedar Sinai's research department will also be in attendance conducting outreach for individuals interested in participating in Irritable Bowel Disorder prevention research. Human Services contracted agencies will be in attendance to provide information on services available to community members.

A motion was made by Board Member Watts, to recognize and display Gouverneur Morris in the Disability Awareness Month Banners. The motion was seconded by Chair Dore, passing 5 to 2, noting the "no" votes of Board Member Mann and Board Member Leathem.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

*Chair Dore recessed the meeting at 7:34 p.m.
Chair Dore reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.*

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Smith to extend the meeting 15 minutes, seconded by Board Member Mann, and approved by roll call vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. LEE WALKUP, CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, OAAB Member, spoke on his support for all advisory boards and the importance of having diverse boards in the City.

7. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Member Leathem thanked the board and staff for the planning of the upcoming Disability Awareness month events, including the upcoming televised meeting.

Board Member Mann shared the importance of the Recognition of the Month of October regarding disabilities.

Board Member Zaden thanked the Chair for the goodie bags.

Board Member Watts spoke on the importance of the board and shaping the City's progress. He also acknowledged the challenges that lie ahead, and the importance of continuing to address future issues.

Board Member Schwartz thanked the staff for the planning of the Disability Awareness Month. He extended his appreciation for board members in presenting the award to The Abbey Food & Bar Award. He also looks forward to future accomplishments.

Board Member Nash encouraged everyone to enjoy the televised meeting and requested name badges.

Vice Chair Smith expressed gratitude to both the staff and fellow board members for their valuable comments and for diligently preparing the documents for the meeting. Vice Chair Smith shared a new transportation program, "New Freedom," spanning across LA County, has secured new funding. Furthermore, Vice Chair Smith provided spoke on the homeless count for older adults. She mentioned awards and county recognitions that various board members, including Board

Member Semonco and Chair Dore, have received for their contributions, noting Board Member Watts as a 2023 recipient.

Chair Dore shared her gratitude to all attendees at the meeting. She requested the Board to identify their top three things of what they want to achieve as a board.

A motion was made by Board Member Watts to extend the meeting by 5 minutes, **seconded by Board Member Schwartz**, and approved by roll call vote.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

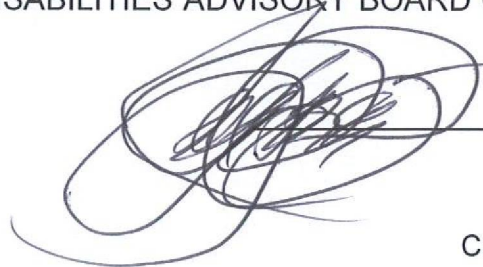
The staff mentioned the availability of flyers and postcards for the Community Health and Wellness event and Disabilities Service Awards.

Staff provided a reminder for board members about the upcoming mandatory City Clerk Training scheduled for October 11th.

Furthermore, staff encouraged board members to reach out to their respective liaisons for any assistance.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The **Disabilities Advisory Board** adjourned at **8:17 p.m.** to its special televised meeting on **Wednesday, October 18, 2023**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** to be held at the West Hollywood Council Chambers located at 625 N. San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 24th DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.



YOLA DORE,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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