

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2000
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pavich called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Board Member Dietrich led the Pledge.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Board Members Aizenman, Arrigo, Dietrich, Pavich, Semonco, and Weber.

ALSO PRESENT: Liaisons Jacobs and Springer and Deputy Clerk Diaz.

ABSENT: Board Members, Margolis and Weltman.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approve the Minutes of December 8, 1999 as presented.

Motion Board Member Dietrich, seconded by Board Member Aizenman and unanimously carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Alan Weber, West Hollywood, spoke on the developments of the aquatic pool. An action committee has been organized and will bring information at a later date. The committee will inform elderly people in the community about the aquatic center and it's benefits. He also thanked Board Member Dietrich for volunteering to sit on the committee.

6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Liaison Howard informed the board members of the resignation of Board member Dal Porto. He also informed the board of projects that will be taking place such as the renovation of the West Hollywood Park Swimming Pool starting in January and the garden plot for persons with disabilities and stated that any person wishing to obtain a permit should contact Shirley Berry. He also

recommended that the Board put together a task force for the Disabilities Awareness Month in October.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Santa Monica Boulevard: Liaison Jacobs and Board Member Margolis visited a vibrating signal in Northridge and described the button, which was an arrow, and how it worked. He also reported the problem of where the curb was and where the button was located, but overall this was something that could be an option on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Legislative: Board Member Weltman reported the courts have recently decided that the employment rights of seniors in government are no longer protected.

B. VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT:

Liaison Jacobs discussed the Uprising Newsletter and the Up With People Voter Registration Project headed by Casey O'Brien which registers people to vote and hands out information. Liaison Jacobs suggested that the Board Members might want to think about doing the same thing around West Hollywood and hand out information about the Disabilities Advisory Board and different programs to assist the disabled as well as register people to vote.

Board member Aizenman stated that she feels discriminated because she cannot vote in secrecy, in which the City Clerk answered her concerns.

City Clerk James Thompson stated that currently there are not any devices for blind persons to vote with privacy. He also stated that Mr. Casey's goal was to reach more disabled

persons to register to vote and bring his program to the legislature.

Chair Pavich suggested that the Outreach Subcommittee discuss the possibility of a voter registration project and try to meet with Mr. Casey at a later date.

ACTION: Refer the voter registration project to the Outreach Subcommittee. **Motion Vice-Chair Weltman, seconded by Board Member Arrigo and unanimously carried.**

C. COMMISSION AND BOARD LIAISONS:

Chair Pavich asked the Board if they think that the Board should have liaisons to other boards or commissions.

ACTION: To appoint unofficial liaisons to other Commissions and Boards. **Motion Vice-Chair Weltman, seconded by Board Member Dietrich and carried noting the no vote of Board Member Semonco and the abstention of Board Member Aizenman.**

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. AMERICAN DISABILITY ASSOCIATION:

Liaison Jacobs suggested the Board Liaison with State and Federal legislation.

MOTION: Refer the American Disability Association to the Legislative Subcommittee and bring back in March. **Motion Board Member Dietrich and seconded by Board Member Semonco, and unanimously carried.**

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alan Weber, West Hollywood, commented on the commission/board liaisons and there should be a meeting to discuss their responsibilities.

10. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING. None.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES:
Board Member Dietrich commented on having a discussion about the disabled community being listed and included under the heading of hate crimes.

Board Member Aizenman stated that disabled people have to understand their own disabilities before trying to discuss them with other people.

Board Member Arrigo stated that he agreed with Alan Weber's comments about the liaisons.

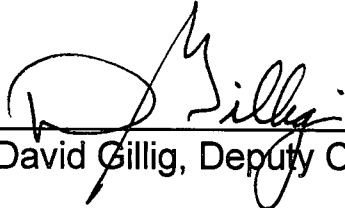
11. ADJOURNMENT: The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned and to the next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, February 9, 2000.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2000.



Chair Pavich

ATTEST:



David Gillig, Deputy Clerk