

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
January 24, 2007**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Suzanne Dietrich called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Steven Sawyer led the pledge.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Alan Bernstein, Lon Buisch, Suzanne Dietrich, Tom Pavich, Joel Ring, Steven Sawyer, and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Debra Chodash.

*ALSO PRESENT: Leslie Isenberg, Craig Rhea and Kim Patterson*

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda for January 24, 2007 was approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes for Sept. 27, 2006 and November 29, 2006 were approved.

**6. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:**

Tom Pavich was unanimously voted as vice-chair.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Craig Rhea informed the DAB about the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program for low-income constituents. He also announced the Career Expo for People with Disabilities on Jan. 30.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY STUDY**

Daphne Dennis made a presentation on the 2006 Community Study. She explained the process and purpose of the study which aids the Social Services funding cycle, highlighted survey results, and fielded questions from the DAB. Staff agreed to follow-up at future DAB meetings on the following issues:

- Affordable housing
- Rent stabilization
- The City's WiFi program
- Sidewalk accessibility (including curb cuts and overgrown hedges)

- Signalized & non-signalized intersections/crosswalks

## **B. DISABILITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

After initial discussion, a motion was made and passed to take up the Disability Service Award nomination process, including the nomination form.

**Motion:** To form a task force to review the Disability Service Award process in its entirety and report to the Board no later than the March meeting.

**Motion by:** Tom Pavich                      **Seconded by:** Alan Bernstein  
Motion passed unanimously.

Steven Sawyer, Rick Watts, and Tom Pavich volunteered to serve on the task force.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no more public comments.

## **11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

### **A. REVIEW OF LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS**

Tom Pavich attended the Human Services Commission meeting where the Transgender Job Placement program was approved. Tom also reported that Urgent Needs Funds were allocated to the Comprehensive Services Center and Aid for AIDS.

**Motion:** To agendaize discussion about allocation of emergency funds at the next DAB meeting.

**Motion by:** Steven Sawyer                      **Seconded by:** Rick Watts  
Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dietrich attended the PAC meeting where the Sierra Bonita Project was given the go-ahead. She also reported that tickets are being issued for cyclists who ride on the sidewalk and that the Beverly Hills Courthouse is taking this more seriously. She announced that there is a new program called CONNECT, which is a transportation assistance service for frail seniors and people with disabilities. There was also discussion at the meeting about the housing shortage for low- and middle-income working people; it was noted that there is a short waiting list for moderate-income inclusionary housing. (*Moderate-income for this program is currently defined as having an annual income of \$40,293 to \$50,366 for a single-person household.*)

## **12. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Dietrich adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in Community Conference Room of City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.

**DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
ADVISORY BOARD/COMMISSION LIAISON LIST**

**COMMISSIONS:**

<b>Art &amp; Cultural Affairs Commission</b> <hr/>	Meets: 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Community Conference Room
<b>Business License Commission</b> Alan Bernstein	Meets: 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., West Hollywood Park Auditorium
<b>Historic Preservation Commission</b> <hr/>	Meets: 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Community Conference Room
<b>Human Services Commission</b> Tom Pavich	Meets: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Community Conference Room
<b>Planning Commission</b> Joel Ring	Meets: 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 p.m., West Hollywood Park Auditorium
<b>Public Facilities Commission</b> <hr/>	Meets: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, Community Conference Room
<b>Public Safety Commission</b> Debra Chodash	Meets: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, Community Conference Room
<b>Rent Stabilization Commission</b> Rick Watts	Meets: 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00 p.m., West Hollywood Park Auditorium
<b>Transportation Commission</b> Steven Sawyer	Meets: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Community Conference Room

**ADVISORY BOARDS:**

<b>Lesbian &amp; Gay Advisory Board</b> <hr/>	Meets: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Community Conference Room
<b>Russian Advisory Board</b> <hr/>	Meets: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Community Conference Room
<b>Senior Advisory Board</b> Suzanne Dietrich	Meets: 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 2:00 p.m., City Hall, Community Conference Room
<b>Women's Advisory Board</b> <hr/>	Meets: 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Community Conference Room

**COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES:**

<b>PAC</b> Suzanne Dietrich	Meets: 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Plummer Park, Rooms 5 & 6
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