

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 1999**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:40 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Member Weltman led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Advisory Members Aizenman, Cislowski, Pavich,
Stredicke, Weltman, Vice Chair Von Douris.

ALSO PRESENT: Co-liaisons Reynolds, Springer, Jacobs and Deputy
Clerk Gillig.

ABSENT: None.

Chair Hallenberg and Member D'Amico arrived after roll call at 5:48
P.M.

Member Semonco arrived late at 6:19 P.M.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
ACTIONS: Approve the Minutes of January 13, 1999. Motion by
Member Cislowski and seconded by Member Stredicke and
unanimously carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

JEFFREY PRANG, COUNCILMEMBER commented favorably on the
position and the support that the Disabilities Advisory Board has
taken over the past on various issues. He also commended the DAB
on the work that has been done and looks forward to working with
them in the future on other issues.
6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Vice Chair Von Douris took New Business Item 8.A out of order at
this time to hear the presentation from Margaret Hennessey.

8. A BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES.

Margaret Hennessey of Bet Tzedek gave a presentation regarding legal services available to West Hollywood community members and answered various questions from the Board.

A. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE.

Councilmember Jeffrey Prang administered the Oath of Office to incoming Disabilities Advisory Board Member John D'Amico.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. RECENT CHANGES IN RENT STABILIZATION.

The Disabilities Advisory Board approved the draft letter with amendments regarding the effects of recent changes in Rent Stabilization on the disabled community for consideration by the City Council.

ACTION: 1) Approve a draft letter with amendments regarding the effects of vacancy de-controls for Council consideration. 2) Authorize staff to forward the letter to the City Council as an Urgency Item on Tuesday, February 16, 1999.

Motion by Member Stredicke, seconded by Member Von Douris and unanimously carried.

B. ADA TRANSITION PLAN.

The Disabilities Advisory Board heard a presentation and brief history of West Hollywood's ADA Transition Plan from Vivian Love, Director of Management Services and the recently-appointed ADA coordinator for the City of West Hollywood. Also present was Dolores Barrows who is the senior member of DOT.COM and current president of the National Association of ADA Coordinators.

Member Von Douris left the meeting early at 6:31 P.M. due to a prior engagement.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANTHONY TURANO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented that he has lived here for two years as a disabled person and just wanted to thank the Disabilities Advisory Board for their dedication and support.

10. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING.

No reportable actions were taken, since there was no Chairs Meeting held for the month of January, 1999.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES.

Tamar Springer, Staff Liaison relayed information regarding abstention votes on direction from the City Clerk's Office.

Kathryn Reynolds, Staff Liaison, announced Donald Savoie has resigned his position from the Chamber of Commerce. Once his position is filled, we would like to have that person come and address the Disabilities Advisory Board.

Howard Jacobs, Staff Liaison, gave an overview about the pool and tennis programs available at the public parks regarding disability access.

Loren Belovsky handed out flyers regarding the open swim program and the wheelchair tennis program available at the parks for the disabled.

Member Weltman congratulated Howard Jacobs on his appointment as Council Deputy to Councilmember Prang.

Howard Jacobs, Staff Liaison, announced that the Plummer Park Design Committee has been formed and they would like to have an additional volunteer with Member Semonco on the Kings Road Park Project Design review Committee. Ruth Cislowski volunteered.

Member Aizenman will be attending the next Chairs meeting.

Tamar Springer, Staff Liaison, announced the Senior Swing Dance at the House of Blues and that she had extra invitations to this function.

Chair Hallenberg announced that Councilmember Prang has asked that he is joined on February 27th to talk about what is happening with the Advisory/Commission Boards.

Chair Hallenberg announced that he will no longer be serving on the Disabilities Advisory Board after May of this year, since he feels that there are capable candidates living in the City Of West Hollywood to serve at this time.

Member Pavich asked if the Disabilities Advisory Board is still planning on doing a public forum as a body?

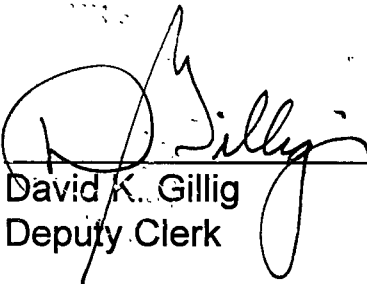
Motion by Member Weltman, seconded by Member Cislowski for the Public Forum to be on the agenda for the March 10th Disabilities Advisory Board meeting.

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board was adjourned by Member Cislowski at 6:52 P.M., their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, March 10, 1999.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 1999.


Hugh Hallenberg
Chair

ATTEST:


David K. Gillig
Deputy Clerk