

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Von Douris called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Member Aizenman led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Advisory Members Aizenman, Cislowski, D'Amico*, Pavich, Semonco*, Weltman, Vice Chair Von Douris and Chair Hallenberg*.

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

ABSENT: Member Stredicke.

*Chair Hallenberg arrived at 5:50 P.M.

*Member D'Amico arrived at 5:55 P.M.

*Member Semonco arrived at 6:18 P.M.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
ACTIONS: Approve the Minutes of February 10, 1999 as amended with Chair Hallenberg's correct name spelling. Motion by Member Pavich and seconded by Vice-Chair Von Douris and unanimously carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

HAL MILLER stated that the proposed Restroom Ordinance should be amended with a dollar amount for liability if restroom facilities are denied to the disabled.
6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

SUZANNE DIETRICH, WEST HOLLYWOOD is happy to see that the City of West Hollywood has a Disabilities Advisory Board and wanted to thank the Disabilities Advisory Board members for bringing the

Santa Monica Boulevard tree issue to the attention of the disabled community.

Staff Liaison Jacobs gave an update on the swimming program. As of this date, there have been no inquiries to the program and encouraged everyone to get the word out. He also stated the Santa Monica Boulevard construction office would be opening up next month, just up the block from City Hall and the restroom facilities need to be brought up to ADA compliance before it opened.

Staff Liaison Springer gave an update on what will be appearing on the April 14th Disabilities Advisory Board Agenda.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. RECENT CHANGES IN RENT STABILIZATION LETTER.

The Disabilities Advisory Board heard from Hal Cronkite, Director of Rent Stabilization on the draft letter with amendments regarding the effects of recent changes in Rent Stabilization; specifically on Section 8 Housing on the disabled community.

Mr. Cronkite took various questions from the Disabilities Advisory Board Members and responded.

Rent Stabilization Rent Counselor John Berndt was introduced and he explained the Section 8 Housing program in explicit detail within the City of West Hollywood.

A motion was made to withdraw the letter that was approved at the last meeting on Rent Stabilization issues. Motion by Member Weltman, seconded by Member Cislowski. And unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC FORUM.

The Disabilities Advisory Board discussed the pros and cons of having a Public Forum on disability issues.

Staff Liaison Springer suggested a televised forum rather than a public forum due to attendance problems that have been experienced in the past.

Chair Hallenberg suggested forming a sub-committee with Member Weltman to Chair, along with Members Aizenman, Ciszlowski and Semonco to serve on the sub-committee. This item will be brought back in a report to the Disabilities Advisory Board at the May, 1999 meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF RESTROOM FACILITIES.

The Disabilities Advisory Board discussed the proposed Ordinance of the City of West Hollywood which makes available restroom facilities for persons with physical handicaps regardless if they are a customer, client, employee or paid entrant.

Motion by Member Weltman that City Council adopt this Ordinance with amendments. There was no second motion. This motion did not pass.

Motion by Member Cislowski for the City Council to adopt the Ordinance in its current form as written. Seconded by Member Semonco.

Carried on a ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Aizenman, Cislowski, Hallenberg, Pavich, Von Douris

NOES: Semonco, Weltman, D'Amico

ABSENT: Stredicke

B. DAB MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION GOALS.

Staff Liaison Jacobs indicated that this item was to be a discussion of what the Disabilities Advisory Board would look like and who needs to be represented. If members wish to be

re-appointed, they need to let the City Council Offices (Members) know that they are interested in re-appointment to the Disabilities Advisory Board.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

LARIA PIPPIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD stated that it really needs to be defined what the physical or mental impairment actually means. To one person it could mean one thing, while it could mean the total opposite to someone else.

SUZANNE DIETRICH, WEST HOLLYWOOD stated that the disabled community feels that they are not being recognized and that they are overlooked in the City of West Hollywood. They feel they are being lumped together with the senior citizens and feels that if you start to recognize the disabled community separate from the senior citizens, that you might gain more support.

10. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

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

Member Aizenman gave a summary of the Commission/Advisory Board Chair's Meeting held on February 23, 1999.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES.


Member Semonco gave a brief summary about the Comprehensive Services Center project happening at Plummer Park.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The Disabilities Advisory Board was adjourned by Member Pavich, seconded by Chair Hallenberg at 7:32 P.M., their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, April 14, 1999.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 1999.


Hugh Hallenberg
Chair

ATTEST:


David K. Gillig
Deputy Clerk