

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2001
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pavich called the Meeting to order at 5:36 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Board Member Arrigo led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
 - PRESENT: Board Members Arrigo, Dietrich, Pavich, Saur, Semonco, and Weltman.
 - ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison Springer and Deputy Clerk Moreno-Freedman.
 - ABSENT: Board Members Ahern, Ring and Weber.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
 - ACTION:** Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, March 14, 2001. Motion Board Member Weltman, seconded by Board Member Arrigo and unanimously carried.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - ACTION:** Approve the minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2001. Motion Board Member Weltman, seconded by Board Member Dietrich and unanimously carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - BOB MORRISSEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center introduced the new Mentoring Program for youth between the ages of 13 – 18 to the Disability Advisory Board.
6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** None.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - Board Member Weltman spoke in opposition of the high cost of prescription drugs. He stated that he would draft a letter for the West Hollywood City Council and would bring the letter to the next DAB

meeting for the Board Members to review. He expressed interest in having some of the new Board Members join the Legislative Sub-Committee.

Board Member Arrigo spoke about a book that he had ordered from a list of numbers that Staff Liaison Jacobs had given them, Code of Federal Regulations. He hoped the ADA would eventually become, large print, pocket size, in cassette form and available in Braille. He also reported how a reporter from Positive Living, an APLA publication had recently interviewed him,

Board Member Semonco gave an update on the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project. She stated that the rainy weather had delayed some of the progress of the construction and that the construction is affecting the bus routes. She provided the phone number to the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project Office if anyone has any questions/concerns about the Blvd. (800) 366-3300.

The Accesibilities and Legislative Sub-Committees did not meet.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DAB BROCHURE:

Staff Liaison Springer passed around the DAB Brochure which had not been updated in the last several years.

The Board agreed that Staff Liaison Springer should update the brochure and bring copies for all of the Members to review to the next meeting.

Staff Liaison Springer requested from the Board that they bring to her referrals of new services that are not currently listed in the brochure.

B. DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY:

Will be tabled to the next Meeting in April, 2001.

C. MENTAL HEALTH:

Ilana Nomberg, Disability Specialist, gave a profile of her clientele at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center. She has a cross section of people who suffer from Depression, Bi-Polar, Schizophrenia. She stated that over 50% of the population in West Hollywood deal with this issue. She stated that where she works there is a sliding scale and they will supply referrals.

The Board expressed interest in knowing whether people with Disability issues ended up suffering from Depression. The Board concluded that it is hard to say which comes first, the Disability or the Depression, but many times they are interlinked.

Chair Pavich stated that the Board is interested in learning more about the effects of Depression.

D. DISABILITY NEEDS SURVEY:

Ilana Nomberg, Disability Specialist, received the final round of feedback from the Board on the Survey and is now in the process of being mailed.

E. LIAISONS:

Chair Pavich is the Public Facilities Liaison.

Board Member Dietrich is on the Eastside Project Development.

Board Member Ahern is on the Senior Advisory Board.

Board Member Arrigo is on the Gay and Lesbian Advisory Board.

Board Member Semonco is on the mailing list for the Transportation Commission.

Board Member Weltman requested to be on the Human Services Commission.

Board Member Saur will consider which Commission/Advisory Board she is interested in.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

11. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

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

Chair Pavich gave a summary of the Commission/Advisory Board Chairs Meeting:

- Affordable housing is available on Detroit Street. Ten (10) apartments available for people over 62 years of age. They are expecting approximately 2,500 applications. West Hollywood Corp. is putting up a low income housing building for families. There is a building on Havenhurst that is being looked at.
- The Senior Advisory Board's size is now fifteen (15) members. They will be meeting with the Council on May 14th.
- The West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center will open in June, 2001.
- The Women's Advisory Board is involved with Women's History Month. There are two (2) upcoming events; a poetry reading on March 16th with Carolyn Kizer and a Leadership Awards Ceremony on March 21st.
- The Fine Arts Commission is co-sponsoring the poetry reading with the Women's Advisory Board. They are working on an Urban Arts Policy. A Sphinx sculpture was approved for Plummer Park.
- The Angels Amidst Awards Ceremony was a success.
- The West Hollywood Orchestra is no longer performing at Fairfax Highschool, but looking for a new home.
- The Business License Commission is going through a reorganization. They have been extended for another six (6) months by the City Council. Noura Café was closed. Now the legitimate part of the Café is open again.

- The Transportation Commission is looking at the meter situation. They are thinking about extending the time of the meters from 10 PM till 2 AM. They are also thinking about keeping thirty-eight (38) out of the seventy (70) temporary meters created during the Santa Monica Boulevard Project. The extra money will go to the parking improvement fund.
- The City is looking at developing a new Strategic Plan for the City, which would cover a ten-(10) year period.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES.

Board Member Dietrich offered everyone health bars.

Board Member Saur was on Channel 10 on the night of elections. She offered rides on the day of the Pride Parades. In the past Staff Liaison Jacobs has coordinated that. The Board will be talking about the parade at May meeting.

Board Member Arrigo announced that he knows a Doctor affiliated with Capitol Drugs who is currently collecting unused medication to give to people in need in impoverished countries who don't have access to these drugs.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 6:35 PM. The next regular meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 11, 2001.**

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2001.**



Chair Pavich

ATTEST: .



Dawn Moreno-Freedman, Deputy Clerk