

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

April 25, 2012

Community Conference Room, West Hollywood City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Rick Watts, Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Debra Chodash led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lisa Andreson, Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, Debra Chodash, Thomas De Lorenzo, Suzanne Dietrich and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Tim Carlson and James Chud

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for April 25, 2012 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 28, 2012 meeting were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION

Rose Olson returned after two years to report on the successful completion of Hayworth House which was transformed into an accessible and green apartment building providing affordable housing for low-income Seniors.

Barbara Hamaker presented their wonderful 25th anniversary video. They announced that they are starting work on a 32-unit apartment building on La Brea Avenue south of Lexington. Expected to open in late 2013/early 2014, they will keep the DAB abreast of developments with that project.

B. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION ORDINANCE

Melissa Antol, the City's Long Range and Mobility Planning Manager, made a presentation about the proposed reasonable accommodation ordinance which codifies the accommodation process for people living with disabilities.

She will provide the Board's feedback to the Planning Commission scheduled for May 17th and the City Council on June 7th.

Under Public Comment, Robert Chernob spoke against the ordinance.

C. TASK FORCE – 2012 DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS AND TELEVISED MEETING

Lisa Andreson, Larry Block, Jim Chud, and Suzanne Dietrich were chosen to serve on the Task Force. Michael Arrigo will be the alternate. Their first meeting will be held on May 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., just prior to the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Reported by Craig Rhea:

A. Library Update:

- Linda Demmers has ordered the Optelec machine and it should arrive in about a week. Optelec is the enlarging CCTV machine that has a sliding tray that can be used for print or objects. It's especially good for people with poor peripheral vision.
- Linda will begin purchasing the other items on the list next week.
- The book sale at the ribbon cutting ceremony raised almost \$1,100 and the quilt sold for \$275.

B. Future DAB Meetings:

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 23rd.
 - JFS programs funded by the City will be making presentations, including the Comprehensive Services Center, the Nutrition Program and the SOVA Community Food & Resource Program
- June 27th meeting:
 - West Hollywood Library staff will be making a presentation.
 - I'll be on vacation, so either David Giugni or Daphne Dennis will be staffing the meeting with Kim.

C. Miscellaneous

- Kid's Fair, this Saturday, April 28th from 10am to 2pm at West Hollywood Park.
- Senior Health Fair, May 16th from 10am to 2pm. The following DAB members have volunteered so far:
 - 10a-2p – Rick & Larry
 - 12n-2p – Lisa & Suzanne
- Staff thanked Debra Chodash for her years of service on the DAB.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES

Everyone wished Debra and her husband Irwin the best in their new home in Orange County.

It was announced that Jim Chud is currently in Cedars ICU.

Michael Arrigo reported that the Transportation Commission meeting was cancelled.

Larry Block thanked Craig Rhea for the demographic information, learning that one out of three residents in the City is living with a disability.

Lisa Andreson asked how to raise the bar even higher to provide more affordable housing.

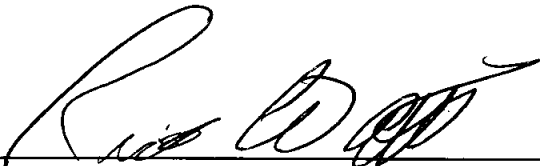
Debra Chodash said that she has mixed feelings about her move and will remain with the Board in spirit.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Suzanne Dietrich will report to Council offices about the DAB's April 25th meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm to its next meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Conference Room, City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



DAB Chair – Rick Watts