

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1999
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Pavich called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Board Member Weltman led the Pledge.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Advisory Members Aizenman, Arrigo, Dal Porto Dietrich, Margolis, Pavich, Weber and Weltman.

ALSO PRESENT: Liaison Jacobs, Co-liaisons Krietzman and Springer, City Clerk Thompson, Deputy Clerk Diaz and Intern Daniel McQueen.

ABSENT: None.

NOTE: Board Member Semonco arrived at approximately 6:45 due to transportation problems.

4. **ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW MEMBERS:** City Clerk Thompson administered the Oath of Office to Robert Dal Porto and Eric Weber.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approve the Minutes of June 9, 1999 as presented. **Motion Board Member Weltman seconded by Board Member Margolis and unanimously carried.**

Board Members DalPorto and Weber abstained

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Alan Weber, West Hollywood, commended Board Members and the Subcommittee on their tenacity regarding the Santa Monica Boulevard Project.

7. STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Co-Liaison Springer informed the Board of a letter from the MTA requesting feedback from disabled persons who ride the MTA on their experience and quality of service they have received. She also informed the Board Members of a Proposal for Disability Awareness month, which will be during the month of October.

Co-Liaison Krietzman, reported on Subcommittee meeting with the City Manager and representatives from Wildan and CGF Design Company regarding the Santa Monica Boulevard Project. The meeting has led to a field trip with 4 Board members, representatives from Wildan and CGF, Liaison Jacobs. She also passed out a Tactile Pedestrian Adapter pamphlet.

Liaison Jacobs reported that the Public Facilities Commission has invited the Disabilities Advisory Board to attend a workshop regarding the development of open space in West Hollywood. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 28 at 7:30 P.M. in the Community Conference Room. An update was given on the Recreation and Swim programs for the disabled held on Mondays and Fridays from 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. with the help of an instructor. He also updated the Board Members on the Supreme Court decision on disability issues, of which an article was provided in their agendas.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT: The Board members discussed the report of the Subcommittee meeting with City Manager and Department of Transportation and the various issues discussed.

Board Member Margolis stated his concern of the Disabilities Advisory Boards' issues and how they are being heard and brought to the City Council.

Acting Chair Pavich reported that the Board Members were given the opportunity to view the plans and focused on the crosswalks at Santa Monica and La Cienega Boulevards. They were given answers to various questions and he felt that each party came to an understanding of the other's concerns.

Board Members Aizenman, Margolis, Semonco, and Weltman will attend the field trip on Saturday, July 17th.

B. PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER:

Sam Baxter was unable to attend the meeting and will be present for an upcoming meeting with the architects to discuss the concerns and ideas of the Board.

C. PROPOSED SWIMMING FACILITIES AT PLUMMER PARK:

Alan Weber spoke on the changes to his Resolution for the Plummer Park Aquatic Center. He passed out the revised resolution and urged the Board to recommend that the City Council consider it. He gave an overview of the five issues that will be pending on the decision of the City Council and added that the pool is no longer being considered for Plummer Park, but to be located on the east side. He informed the Board that the Senior Advisory Board is the only board thus far to agree to endorse the resolution and stated that he is looking for acceptance of the concept and has no time line for construction at this time.

The Board members discussed the pros and cons of the Aquatic Center and expressed their concerns regarding the resolution. They also asked Mr. Weber a series of questions on the specifics of the resolution.

ACTION: Endorse the concept of the Aquatic Center as presented by Alan Weber.

Motion Board Member Weltman, seconded Board Member Dietrich, and carried noting the No votes of Board Members Margolis, Semonco and Weltman and the abstention of Board Member Aizenman.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD GOALS:

Board Members made recommendations to form subcommittees, which will help the Disabilities, Advisory Board develop and achieve their goals. The recommended subcommittees to be formed were: ADA Compliance, Housing, Legislative, Capital Improvement Review, Public Forum, Discrimination Against the Disabled and Gay Community, and an Outreach Subcommittee which would consider holding a summit of various organizations.

ACTION: To make a decision on Subcommittees at the August 11, 1999 meeting.

Motion Board Member Weltman, seconded Board Member Aizenman and carried unanimously

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

11. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING. None.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES:

Board Member Weltman stated his disappointment with the Supreme Courts decision.

Board Member Dietrich reported on a segment of the Jay Leno show which mocked the use of medical marijuana and how this segment was very offensive to persons living with AIDS, cancer and other disabilities that need the medical marijuana.

12. ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

Acting Chair Pavich opened nominations for Chair. Board Members Pavich and Weltman were nominated.

ACTION: Close nominations for the position of Chair.

Motion Board Member Dal Porto, seconded Board Member Semonco and unanimously carried.

ACTION: Appoint Member Pavich as Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board through July 2000 by consensus of the Disabilities Advisory Board.

Chair Pavich opened nominations for Vice Chair. Board Members Weltman and Margolis were nominated.

ACTION: Close nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Motion Board Member Weber, seconded Member Dietrich and unanimously carried.

ACTION: Appoint Member Weltman as Vice Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board through July 2000 by consensus of the Disabilities Advisory Board.

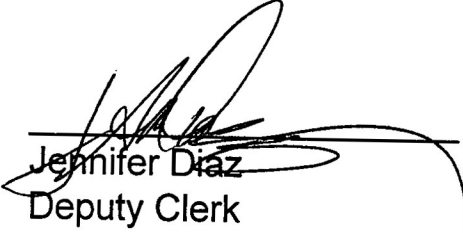
13. ADJOURNMENT: The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:15 P.M. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, August 11, 1999.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1999.



Chair Pavich

ATTEST:



Jennifer Diaz
Deputy Clerk