

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
JULY 11, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Weltman called the Meeting to order at 5:44 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Board Member Ahern led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Board Members Ahern, Arrigo, Ring, Saur,
Semonco and Weltman.

ABSENT: Board Members Dietrich and Kerr

ALSO

PRESENT: Staff Liaison Springer, Administrative Assistant
Bell and Deputy Clerk Sims.

Table Randall Kerr taking the Oath of Office to August 8, 2001.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ACTION: Approve the agenda of Wednesday, July 11, 2001 as amended.

**Motion by Board Member Ahern, seconded by Board Member Arrigo
and unanimously carried.**

Chair Weltman amended the minutes of June 13, 2001 as follows:
grammatical changes to items 7, 8A, 9C, 9D and 11B.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: Approve the minutes of June 13, 2001 as amended. **Motion
Board Member Ahern, seconded by Board Member Arrigo and
unanimously carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ALAN WEBER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, provided information regarding the difference between "hands-on" and "hands-free" use of cell phones while driving. He also stated that the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board will be hosting an event on September 22 for couples

who have been together 10 or more years and he volunteered to take a list to them if the board had any names they would like to submit.

STAFF COMMENTS:

TAMAR SPRINGER, Staff Liaison, started the process for ordering business cards for the Board Members and she confirmed that there was a sign posted regarding the accessible path located in the back of the new Comprehensive Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Board Member Weltman reported on the Patient’s Bill of Rights which passed in the Senate. The Bill is now in the House of Representatives where it will likely be amended.

Outreach – None.

Accessibility – Board Member Ahern attended the Abilities Expo and recommended “Extreme Medical” for a sport Expo during Disabilities Awareness Month. He also proposed having an awards ceremony, having the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting televised, a football game, and a “Wheelchair Challenge” for a day. It was stated that the Accessibility Sub-Committee would meet before the next Board meeting. Staff Liaison Springer reported that an event for Breast Cancer Awareness is scheduled for October 23rd at the Bel Age Hotel and that the City is partnering with the City of Hope in coordinating this event.

Santa Monica Blvd. – Board Member Semonco reported receiving memos from the furniture committee regarding meetings but she was unable to attend. She commented on the countdown crosswalk at Santa Monica Blvd. and Fairfax and the ones soon to be installed with the chirping sound for the visually impaired.

B. DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD BROCHURE:

ACTION: Staff Liaison Springer stated that the new brochure would be distributed by mail before the next meeting, on August 15, 2001.

C. PETITION ON THE CROSSWALK AT WESTBOURNE DRIVE AND SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:

Chair Weltman stated that he talked with David Eichman, Chair of the Transportation Commission, at the Chairs Meeting and explained that the Disability Advisory Board intended only to support looking at the crosswalk again to evaluate any problems after construction on Santa Monica Boulevard is completed. **ACTION:** Board Member Semonco stated that she would attend the next Transportation Commission meeting and clarify the Board's position. **By consensus of the Board.**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. LETTER FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL LOCKYER:

ACTION: Chair Weltman will draft a letter to City Council and send it to Staff Liaison Springer. **Motion Board Member Ahern, seconded by Board Member Semonco and unanimously carried.**

B. FLOWERS FOR BOARD MEMBER DIETRICH.

Staff Liaison Springer stated that she sent flowers to Board Member Dietrich, from the Disability Advisory Board.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

11. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

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

Chair Weltman, provided a summary of the Chair's Meeting.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES.

Board Member Arrigo stated that he and his partner participated in "Clean & Green" and he encouraged the Board Members to become involved with Public Access Television.

Board Member Semonco reported that the Transportation Commission is looking at new vans for the City.

Board Member Ahern requested statistics on West Hollywood residents who have disabilities. The Board would like to review the section of the City's Need's Assessment pertaining to the disabled at the next meeting.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 6:48 PM until their next regular meeting on **Wednesday, August 8, 2001.**