

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

July 25, 2012

Community Conference Room, West Hollywood City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Craig Rhea, Staff Liaison of the Disabilities Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tim Carlson led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lisa Andreson, Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, Tim Carlson, Thomas De Lorenzo, Suzanne Dietrich, and Laurie Scher

ABSENT: James Chud and Rick Watts

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea, Kim Patterson and Corey Roskin

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for July 25, 2012 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 27, 2012 meeting were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Glen Charydczak, West Hollywood resident, suggested that emotional isolation, like that of the alleged shooter in Aurora, Colorado, should be treated as a disability.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY

Linda Demmers, President of Friends of the West Hollywood Library, gave an update about the purchases being made for the library from the \$20,000 National Organization on Disability award. The Optelec CCTV Enlarger, the first major purchase from the fund, has been installed on the first floor of the Library near the front desk. Linda also introduced John Wolfe who demonstrated three portable Optelec machines that the Board may want to consider adding to the list of library purchases.

Laurie Scher shared a brochure she had picked up at Macy's Department Store listing store services for their customers living with disabilities. Linda reminded the Board that money for library staff training and promotional materials was included in the \$20,000 budget approved by the City Council last year.

B. CENTER FOR CIVIC MEDIATION

Octavio Olivas, Program Coordinator of the Center for Civic Mediation, spoke about the dispute resolution services they provide as part of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. All of their services are free to West Hollywood community members.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

The Board decided to purchase 20 banners for their initial promotion of Disabilities Awareness Month. Past recipients of the Disability Service Awards in the Individual and Non-Profit Organization categories will be the initial honorees on the banners.

Nomination forms were distributed for the 2012 Disability Service Awards and will be mailed to all City Advisory Boardmembers and Commissioners, as well as all City-funded Social Service agencies. DAB members were encouraged to attend other City Advisory Board and Commission meetings to encourage community members to submit nominations by the deadline of September 13th.

The Task Force decided to meet again on Friday, August 3rd at 1pm.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Future DAB Meetings:

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 22nd
 - We'll have more info about the street banners and will continue to discuss the televised meeting.

B. Miscellaneous:

- Craig is retiring from the City. His last day will be September 6th. The August 22nd meeting will be his last DAB meeting.
- David Giugni will most likely be the staff liaison to the DAB until Craig's replacement is hired.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES

Thom DeLorenzo expressed hope that there will be a plethora of nominees this year.

Larry Block noted that one-third of the \$6,500 from the City for promotion of disabilities awareness has yet to be allocated; he encouraged the Board to give thought as to how it would like to spend the rest of the funds.

Tim Carlson reported that Jim Chud is doing well, in spite of unexpected additional medical care. Tim also reported that though he has enjoyed

serving on the DAB, he will be resigning from the Board because he is moving to France. His last meeting will be August 22nd.

Michael Arrigo announced that Rick Watts was interviewed by phone on KPFK's IMRU program about the International AIDS Conference in Washington, DC. Michael also said that on August 4th, Access will hold its second annual "Road-eo" with information on emergency preparedness and other topics, food and fun at the Pomona Fairgrounds.

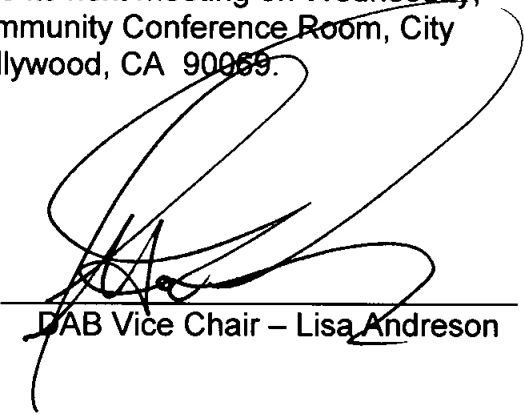
The Board wished Craig well and thanked him for his years of service to the DAB.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Michael Arrigo will report to Council offices about the DAB's July 25th meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm to its next meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Conference Room, City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



DAB Vice Chair – Lisa Andreson