WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2000 WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL

- 1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pavich called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Board Member Dietrich led the Pledge.

3. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Board Members Arrigo, Dietrich, Margolis (arrived at

6:13 PM), Pavich, Ring, Semonco.

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison Jacobs, Deputy Clerk Moreno-Freedman

and Administrative Staff Assistant Bursztin.

ABSENT: Board Members Aizenman, Weber, Weltman.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Staff requested to move Item 9.A. to 6.B., making Item 6 as 6.A., 9.B. as 9.A. and 9.C. as 9.B.

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, August 9, 2000 as amended. Motion Board member Arrigo, seconded by Board member Ring and unanimously carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: Approve the Minutes of Wednesday, July 12, 2000.

Motion Board Member Arrigo, seconded by Board Member Dietrich and carried noting the ABSENTION of Board Member Ring.

6.A. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

B. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY SERVICES SURVEY:

Kathryn Krietzman provided a verbal presentation about the various components of the West Hollywood Library Services Survey. She also introduced Linda Demmers, Library Consultant, who provided detailed information on the goals of the survey and encouraged all to participate.

7. STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Staff Liaison Jacobs provided an update on the approval of the Resolution supporting prescription drug coverage under Medicare. He also stated that the funding element of the item was referred back to staff. He also provided an update on the Item on the Robinsons-May Lawsuit and how this was also deferred. He spoke about the Pacific Design Center requesting the DAB to assist them on their renovations in an effort to exceed ADA requirements. Staff Liaison Jacobs stated that the Raised Garden has been referred to a new designer. He announced that the Recreation Services Division's Adaptive Swim Program is achieving a fair measure of success and the Wheelchair Tennis Program has had few people sign up for it. He mentioned that anyone wishing to participate in this Program to contact Michael Carrier at Plummer Park.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board Member Dietrich spoke about the success of the recent National Night Out.

Board Member Ring inquired as to what the procedures were to join one of the subcommittee's and which ones have a vacancy.

Chair Pavich stated that both the Legislative and Accessibility Subcommittees have room for another member.

B. DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH PUBLICITY:

ACTION: Tabled the item to the Agenda of September 13, 2000. Motion Chair Pavich, seconded by Board Member Ring and unanimously carried.

C. PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE A WAIT AND CURE PERIOD OF OVER 90 DAYS FOR ADA VIOLATIONS BEFORE ONE IS ALLOWED TO SUE FOR DAMAGES:

Staff Liaison Jacobs provided information and clarification on the proposed Resolution. EDWARD AHERN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, requested information on this Item. He was provided a copy of the Resolution from tonight's Agenda Packet.

JERRY RUBIN, SANTA MONICA, spoke in support of the Resolution.

The Board discussed the proposed language of the Resolution. A motion was made to table the item due to the language discrepancy. Motion Board Member Ring, seconded by Board Member Margolis and carried noting the ABSENTION of Board Member Dietrich.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES FOR THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA:

Jerry Rubin made a verbal presentation on the formation of the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission. He provided detail information on the number of endorsements that the Commission has received thus far and asked for DAB's endorsement.

ACTION: 1) To request the City Council to submit a Resolution in support to the formation of the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission; and, 2) To forward copies of the signed Resolution to the Coalition for a Santa Monica Disabilities Commission. Motion Board Member Ring, seconded by Board Member Arrigo and unanimously carried.

B. PROPOSED BOARD LIAISON POLICY:

The Board discussed the possibility of adopting guidelines established from the Senior Advisory Board on guidelines for the Disabilities Advisory Board Liaison. Chair Pavich read the guidelines and responsibilities previously approved by the Board and copies were distributed to the Board Members and the community members who attended the meeting.

ALAN WEBER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Senior Advisory Board spoke in support of this Item and was available for questions and comments.

ACTION: To endorse guidelines as presented for all Boards and Commissions. Motion Board Member Ring, seconded by Board member Dietrich and carried noting the NO Vote of Board Member Semonco.

- 10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
- 11. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:
 - A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING. Chair Pavich provided an update on the Commission/Advisory Board Chairs' meeting and that it was cancelled for a party for the City's departing City Clerk. He also spoke about the Bob Craig memorial, the Rainbow Key Award, the Pride Festival and Parade Event Party, the Zoning Ordinance re-writes and the Community meeting scheduled for August 11, 2000 on Section 8 Housing.
 - B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES.
 Staff Liaison Jacobs spoke about coordinating the Disabilities
 Awareness Month with the ten-year anniversary of the ADA
 and requested to add it to the Agenda of September 13, 2000.
 He also requested to add Flag Sidewalks to that same Agenda.

Ilana Nomberg, Disability Specialist, provided an update on the signage involving the MTA.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:15 PM to their next regular meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2000.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2000.

Chair Pavich

ATTEST:

Michael A. Bursztin, Admin. Staff Asst