

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1999
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

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

3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Board Members Aizenman, Arrigo, Dietrich, Pavich, and Weltman.

ALSO PRESENT: Liaison Jacobs, and Deputy Clerk Diaz.

ABSENT: Board Members Dal Porto.

NOTE: Board Member Margolis arrived at 5:57, Board Member Weber arrived at 5:50 and Board Member Semonco arrived at 6:05 due to transportation delays.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approve the Minutes of July 14, 1999 as presented.
Motion Board Member Weltman, seconded by Board Member Dietrich and unanimously carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rich Ryan, Hate Crimes and Domestic Violence Partner Abuse Specialist for the City of West Hollywood, introduced himself to the Advisory Board. He stated that he is currently gathering information for a work plan to present to the City Council and would like input from members of the Advisory Board as to what they think this position should entail and how it would benefit the community.

Alan Weber, West Hollywood, informed the Advisory Board that he has been appointed as a liaison to the Disabilities Advisory Board from the Senior Advisory Board and he looks forward to working with the Board Members.

6. STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Liaison Jacobs spoke to the Board Members on the following items: 1) Kathryn Reynolds, due to work related duties, will no longer be a Co-Liaison to the Advisory Board and the matters she handled will be divided between himself and Co-Liaison Springer; 2) Retirement of the City Manager and the search for a replacement; 3) Read a resignation letter from Loren Belovsky, Disabilities Specialist, from the West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center; 4) Informed the Board Members of plaques that will be presented to Dick Stredicke and Ruth Cislowski at the upcoming City Council meeting; 5) Read a letter from the MTA requesting that persons with Disabilities provide the MTA with a brief description of their recent experiences while utilizing their services; 6) Recommended that the Members attend the next training meeting sponsored by City Clerk's office; 7) New Transportation Manager , Terry Slimmer, will be invited to attend the next Advisory Board meeting; 8) Introduced Karen Mall, Liaison from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board; and 9) Job Fair at Fiesta Hall sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Karen Mall, West Hollywood, Liaison from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, introduced herself and gave insight of a report she is currently working on regarding HIV and AIDS and Looks forward to working with the Advisory Board.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT: The Subcommittee gave a report on their field trip on July 17th.

ACTION: Direct the Subcommittee to present, at the next regular meeting, a recommendation from the Advisory Board to the City Council on the findings of the Subcommittee.

Motion Vice-Chair Weltman, seconded Board Member Aizenman, and unanimously carried.

B. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES:

Chair Pavich welcomed ideas for subcommittees and the Board Members made recommendations of several possible subcommittees to form.

ACTION:

1. Create a Legislative Subcommittee to track Federal and State legislation.

Motion Board Member Margolis, seconded by Vice-Chair Weltman, and unanimously carried.

Participating Board Members are Margolis, Semonco, Dietrich and Vice-chair Weltman

2. Create an Outreach Subcommittee.

Motion Vice-Chair Weltman, seconded by Board Member Margolis and unanimously carried.

Participating Board Members are Aizenman, Arrigo, Weber, and Chair Pavich.

3. Create an Accessibility Subcommittee.

Motion Board Member Weber, seconded by Board member Arrigo and carried noting the abstention of Board Member Dietrich.

Participating Board Members are Arrigo, DalPorto and Weber.

4. Create a Capitol Improvement Subcommittee.

Motion Board Member Aizenman, seconded by Board Member Margolis and unanimously carried.

5. Expand the current Santa Monica Boulevard Subcommittee to include additional Capitol Improvement projects to include disability issues.

Motion Board Member Margolis, seconded by Board Member Aizenman. Failed on the following vote:

AYES: Arrigo, Margolis and Aizenman.

NOES: Semonco, Pavich, Weltman and Weber.

ABSTENSION: Dietrich.

NOTE: If, in the future, there is a need to create additional subcommittees the Advisory Board will be free to do so.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH:

The Advisory Board discussed several ideas to promote the Disabilities Awareness Month and possible events and festivities to take place during October.

B. LIAISON TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Liaison Jacobs informed the Advisory Board that there is not a conflict of interest to appoint a liaison to the Los Angeles City Commission on Disabilities.

ACTION: Appoint Board Member Margolis as Liaison to the Los Angeles City Commission on Disabilities.

Motion Vice-Chair Weltman, seconded by Board Member Dietrich and unanimously carried.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

10. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING. Chair Pavich briefed the Board members of several items discussed at the meeting.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES: Board Member Margolis did not have any new information regarding Y2K issues.

Board Member Arrigo informed the board that he will be absent at the next regular Advisory Board meeting.

Board Member Dietrich informed the board she will be leaving the next meeting early to attend a certification class.


11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:17 P.M. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, September 8, 1999.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1999.



Chair Pavich

ATTEST:



Jennifer Diaz
Deputy Clerk