

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2000
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pavich called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Boardmember Weltman led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT: Boardmembers Aizenman, Arrigo, Dietrich, Pavich, Ring, Semonco, Weber and Weltman.
ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison Jacobs, Staff Liaison Springer, Deputy Clerk Moreno-Freedman and Administrative Staff Assistant Bursztin.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Staff requested to move Item 9.A. to 8.B.
ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, September 13, 2000 as amended. **Motion Boardmember Weltman, seconded by Board member Arrigo and unanimously carried.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
ACTION: Approve the Minutes of the August 9, 2000 Disability Advisory Board. **Motion Boardmember Arrigo, seconded by Boardmember Dietrich and carried noting the ABSENCE of Boardmembers Ring and Aizenman.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
ESTHER SHILLER, LOS ANGELES, Project Director for the Smoke Free Apartment House Registry, spoke in support of a recent Ordinance that deals with smoke free apartments. She also announced that the Registry has a website "smokefreeapartments.org." She also requested that the Disabilities Advisory Board be aware of this issue and to place it on the agenda.

7. STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Staff Liaison Jacobs welcomed back Staff Liaison Tamar Springer. He introduced the new intern in his office, Claire Nagaha and also introduced Bob Morrisey the Disability Specialist from Jewish Family Services. He encouraged the Board to take a look at the articles in the packet to encourage discussion. He pointed to the State AIDS Legislation item in the packet and suggested that the legislative sub committee look at it and make recommendations to the Council what to support or to oppose. He requested that everyone take time out to fill out the Library survey. He stated that he is hoping that at the October 2nd meeting the council will select a replacement for Daniel Margolis. He stated that last year the Council had looked at ways to cross the street safely, especially for the Senior, Russian and Disabilities Communities and this issue is coming up at the Council meeting of September 18th.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Staff Liaison Jacobs talked about a hand out on "The Life Cycle of Legislation from Idea into Law" and its' usefulness in understanding the legislative process.

He reminded everyone of what sub-committee that are participating on:

Legislative Sub-Committee: Semonco, Weltman, and Dietrich.

Outreach Sub-Committee: Aizenman, Arrigo, Pavich and Weber.

Accessibility Sub-Committee: Arrigo and Weber.

Capital Improvement Sub-Committee: Aizenman, Semonco and Weber.

Boardmember Ring requested to be on the Accessibility Sub-Committee.

B. JAMES DONOVAN GAVE AN UPDATE FOR BOARD MEMBERS ON CITY BUILDING AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT(ADA):

James Donovan, Building and Safety Consultant, explained the difference between the California Accessibility Requirements and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). He stated that the City is not required to enforce the ADA and that the ADA is a federal regulation and a civil rights law governed by certain federal agencies and by civil suits. He mentioned that there is a book called the Cal Dag Accessibility's Requirement which combines state requirements and the ADA regulations.

C. DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH PUBLICITY:

Staff Liaison Springer talked about the upcoming Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Disabilities Month and how it is really shaping up with Dr. Susan Love speaking at the Bel Age Hotel on October 24th. There is wide spread publicity and community involvement involved with this event.

Awards Ceremonies - The Public Information/CATV. Division sent out two (2) announcements for added publicity. A travel agency and a teacher are being considered as recipients for the Disability Service Awards. Due to the advanced publicity already designated to this event, there was no need for additional marketing efforts. A citywide mailing was done for people to submit names for the awards. The event will be at West Hollywood Park Auditorium on October 11, televised on City Channel 10.

D. DISCUSSION ON WAIT AND CURE PERIOD FOR THE ADA:

The Disabilities Advisory Board held a major discussion on whether to send to the Federal Government a resolution to adopt the wait and cure period of over ninety (90) days for ADA violations before one has the right to sue.

After several recommendations and draft motions, the Board decided to cease the debate on this issue. **By Consensus of the Advisory Board.**

ACTION: That the Advisory Board forward a recommendation to the City Council at a later date and to table the proposed resolution indefinitely. **Motion Boardmember Weltman,**

seconded by Boardmember Weber and carried noting the ABSENCE of Boardmember Dietrich.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

DAVID COOLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, owner of the Abbey Food and Bar, member of the Board of Directors for the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and an Orange County Deputy Sheriff, read from a letter that he sent to all the Councilmembers and Mayor dated June 23, 2000. The letter detailed a hearing for a Conditional Use Permit to expand the Abbey. As a result of alleged ADA violations, there is pending litigation.

JAMES LITZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, President of West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, former member of the Planning Commission, urged the Board to adopt the wait and cure proposal that Jacobs has proposed.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RECOMMENDATION TO COORDINATE THE DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH WITH THE TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA:

ACTION: Table this item to the October 11, 2000 Disability Advisory Board Meeting. **Motion Boardmember Weltman, seconded by Boardmember Arrigo and unanimously carried.**

B. PROPOSED SELF-FLAGGING CROSSWALKS:

ACTION: Table this item to the October 11, 2000 Disability Advisory Board Meeting. **Motion Boardmember Weltman, seconded by Boardmember Arrigo and unanimously carried.**

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 the Section 8 Housing Meeting was well attended by all levels of government. He announced that the first week of September the Governor proclaimed is Hire A Senior Week. He stated that the Public Facilities Commission is working on the Comprehensive Senior Center and it is on schedule. He spoke about a master plan being worked on for the Cities' parks after the Human Services Recreation Needs Assessment is finalized. He stated that the Library Advisory Committee is requesting the public's participation by completing a survey. He stated that the Project Area Committee is working on The Gateway Project. He spoke about the Environmental Impact Report certification being at the Planning Commission level and that the Development Agreement should be completed by the end of September. He stated that the Planning Commission is reviewing the proposed demolition of a building in front of the Pacific Design Center. He spoke about the Sexual Harassment Training was a great success. He stated that a Boardmember from the Rent Stabilization Commission is going to begin a newsletter discussing rent control issues. He announced that the Transportation Commission approved roundabouts on Westmount Drive and West Knoll Drive while still conducting a study on Harper Avenue and DeLongpre Avenue. He stated that a tentative appreciation event is scheduled for The Boards and Commissions in October, 2000. He spoke about the Rent Stabilization and Housing Department being a reorganized Department at City Hall. He announced that Linda Castro is the new Captain for the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station. He concluded that a new visioning process is starting for the City for the next ten (10) years.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES.

Boardmember Ring wanted to know if everyone had gone to the Sexual Harassment Training Workshop and that it was not mandatory for the Boards and Commissions. He also suggested that Rent Stabilization Department provide a list for people who use wheelchairs on rental vacancies. Boardmember Joel Ring will become the Staff Liaison for the Planning Commission. Boardmember Arrigo talked about how

his family was in a local Cleveland newspaper where he is from. The article discussed how his nephew was losing his eyesight due to a rare eyesight disorder and the foundation his sister is trying to form. He also invited Tony and Lee Anne Willis, owners of Choice Travel, a travel agency that helps the disabled to come to the next meeting. Boardmember Dietrich gave a report on the Gateway Project.


12. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:15 PM to their next meeting will be at West Hollywood Park Auditorium on **Wednesday, October 11, 2000.**

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 8th DAY OF November, 2000.**



Chair Pavich

ATTEST:



Dawn Moreno-Freedman, Deputy Clerk.