

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2000
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS: Edward Ahern and Dena E. Saur were sworn in as newly appointed Board Members to the Disabilities Advisory Board by Mayor Jeffrey Prang and Councilmember Sal Guarriello.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pavich called the Meeting to order at 5:34 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Board Member Arrigo led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT: Board Members Arrigo, Pavich, Dietrich, Weber, Ahern and Saur
ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison Jacobs, Deputy Clerk Moreno-Freedman and Administrative Staff Assistant Bursztin.
ABSENT: Board Members Semonco, Weltman, Ring and Staff Liaison Springer.
3. **WELCOMING COMMENTS:** Mayor Jeffrey Prang welcomed the newly appointed Board Members. He acknowledged that this would be Staff Liaison Jacobs last meeting to the Disabilities Advisory Board as their Liaison, but both he and Staff Liaison Jacobs would always be available to the Disabilities Advisory Board.

Councilmember Guarriello recognized the good work that the Advisory Board was doing and stated that this was an important time to be on the Disabilities Advisory Board with the ADA.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, November 8, 2000 as presented. **Motion Board Member Arrigo, seconded by Board Member Dietrich and unanimously carried.**

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: Approve the minutes of the meetings of September 13, 2000 and October 11, 2000. **Motion Board Member Arrigo, seconded by Board Member Dietrich and unanimously carried.**

7. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

8. STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Staff Liaison Jacobs hoped that at the next Advisory Board meeting there would be a new Staff Liaison. At the November 6, 2000 Council Meeting, Council approved the recommendation from The Disability Advisory Board on the Resolution in Opposition to H.R. 3590 (FOLEY), The "ADA NOTIFICATION ACT". He passed out two (2) brochures created by school children on the raised gardens being built at Detroit Street Gardens and discussed the positive impact it had had on people who are mobility impaired and in educating school children in understanding what it takes to assist the Disabled to be a part of the community. He thanked everyone he had worked with on the Advisory Board and emphasized the team approach that was involved in making a difference.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board Member Suzanne Dietrich joined the Outreach Sub-Committee. Board Member Eric Weber stepped down from the Outreach Sub-Committee and joined the Accessibility Sub-Committee. Board Member Edward Ahern joined the Outreach Sub-Committee and Accessibility Sub-Committee. No one is currently on the Public Forum. Chair Pavich said he would supply a list at the next meeting of the Sub-Committees.

Unofficial Staff Liaisons:

Board Member Michael Arrigo is on the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

Board Member Suzanne Dietrich is on Project Area Committee.

Board Member Eric Weber is on the Fine Arts Commission.

Chair Pavich is on the Public Facilities Commission.

There are currently no unofficial Staff Liaisons for the Human Services Commission, the Planning Commission and the Senior Advisory Board.

Staff Liaison Jacobs brought up that none of these Sub-Committees have met in the last three (3) months. He suggested that an attendance schedule be made and that this should be placed on the agenda of the December 13, 2000 meeting.

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

The Board decided to continue its association with National Disabilities Employment Month in October for the West Hollywood Disabilities Awareness month.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. FOR THE RENT STABILIZATION DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE LISTINGS OF WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE APARTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC:

Board Member Ahern suggested that the Accessibility Sub-Committee develop a check list of guidelines for Rent Stabilization and Housing Departments' Residential Referral list.

ACTION: A recommendation from the Disability Advisory Board to the City Council to direct that the Rent Stabilization Housing Department to provide listings of wheel chair accessible apartments to the public via the Department of Rent Stabilization and Residential Referral List. **Motion Board Member Weber, seconded by Board Member Ahern and unanimously carried.**

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ilana Nomberg, the Disability Specialist for the City at Plummer Park introduced herself to the new Board Members. She stated that she does case management, therapy and general support services for the disabled adult community.

13. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING. Chair Pavich unfortunately did not attend the Chairs meeting this month.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES. Chair Pavich suggested that the Accessibility Sub-Committee go ahead and meet to come up with the guidelines for the Residential Referral List. The Board Members for the Group are Arrigo, Ring, Weber and Ahern.

Board Member Saur requested that TDD become accessible to West Hollywood and Los Angeles. There will be a presentation at the next meeting on TDD.

Board Member Ahern stated his concern of accessible polling places. Councilmember Guarriello said that this was a county issue. This can be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

The Councilmembers at the Council Meeting after Disability Awareness Month praised the efforts of the Board their televised meeting.

Staff Liaison Jacobs gave an update on the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project. Most of the North side is completed and the crews are now working on the South side. There will be a holiday moratorium from approximately 12/16/00 to 01/02/01 and that the project is two (2) months ahead of schedule.

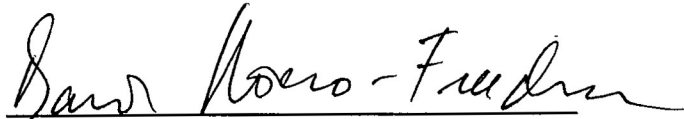
12. ADJOURNMENT: The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 6:25 PM to their next regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 13, 2000.**

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 13th DAY OF December, 2000.**



Chair Pavich

ATTEST:



Dawn Moreno-Freedman, Deputy Clerk