

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pavich called the Meeting to order at 5:46 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Board Member Saur led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT: Board Members Arrigo, Pavich, Semonco, Ring, Ahern and Saur
ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison Springer, Deputy Clerk Moreno-Freedman and Administrative Staff Assistant Bursztin.
ABSENT: Board Members Dietrich, Weber and Weltman
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, December 13, 2000 as amended by moving Item 9A to January, 2001 and if California Relay Systems Programs is not available in January then to put it on the agenda every month afterwards. **Motion Board Member Semonco, seconded by Board Member Ahern and unanimously carried.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
ACTION: Approve the minutes of the meeting of November 8, 2000. **Motion Board Member Ahern, seconded by Board Member Semonco and unanimously carried.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Patricia Ann Heiss, address not listed, spoke about water softeners.

Eric Foltmann, Van Nuys, spoke about acquiring information about housing for people with AIDS.
7. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**
Chair Pavich requested to know the status of the City Services' brochure and suggested that the Outreach Sub-Committee examine it. In addition, Staff Liaison Springer said she would not do anything until she was given direction by Pavich.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board Member Ahern requested that the Sub-Committees meet on a regular basis. Chair Pavich went over attendance schedules. He listed who was on the following subcommittees:

Accessibility: Ahern, Arrigo and Ring.

Capital Improvement: Semonco and Weber.

Legislative: Dietrich, Semonco and Weltman.

Outreach: Ahern, Dietrich, Pavich and Arrigo

Public Forum: No members.

Capital Improvements: Semonco and Weber.

It was determined that the Sub-Committees should develop their own mission statements and guidelines and present them to the Advisory Board. The Sub-Committees will contact each other during the month to meet and will report back to the board the following month on their schedules, mission statements and the issues they wish to address. It was noted that each Sub-Committee can have up to four (4) members.

Due to the fact that she has just recently joined the Disabilities Advisory Board, Dena Saur is not on any of the Sub-Committees but she may join one at anytime.

Board Member Ring stated that he went to the Planning Commission to address handicap issues and they were successfully resolved.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CALIFORNIA RELAY SYSTEMS PROGRAMS:

Tabled to the Meeting of January 10, 2001.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

11. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING.

Chair Pavich provided a handout on housing legislation. He stated that the Transportation Commission was revisiting the cruising ordinance on Sunset Boulevard. The Transportation Commission is also reviewing Harper Avenue being closed, looking at independent taxi cabs, an automated parking garage, ticketing and towing away cars.

Chair Pavich stated that the Rent Stabilization Commission is currently looking at creative financing for renters to buy apartments. He also stated that the Commission was interested in the Disability Advisory Board's idea of including units which are accessible to the disabled on their weekly availability listing.

Chair Pavich stated that the Planning Commission was revising various City Ordinances and reviewing the ongoing problems with the Cedars-Sinai parking lot

Chair Pavich stated that the facades of the Sunset Millennium Project were under review.

Public Safety Commission indicated that the Halloween event was successful. Chair Pavich also stated that Cedars-Sinai was utilizing the Sheriff's helicopter landing pad for critically ill patients.

Senior Advisory Board is examining housing issues and welcomed their new Staff Liaison Howard Jacobs.

Business License Commission is reviewing the Argyle Hotel. The Commission is also redefining their purpose and hoped to present it to the City Council and the Code Compliance Division.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES.

Board Member Semonco went to West Hollywood Elementary School for a thank you presentation to the 5th graders who brought up the raised garden issue. She also attended the MTA Projection Meeting from 2000-2025 which included extending routes, purchasing new buses and building new parts of the various roadways. She suggested that they expand the issues to include sensitivity training for the bus drivers.

Board Member Ahearn said any time board members go out into the community and speak on Disability issues that they are fulfilling their outreach goals. He does a lot of public speaking on drinking and driving and recently gave a speech to 300 students at Fairfax High School focusing on disability awareness.

Chair Pavich suggested that Board Member Ahern present what he does to the Board to educate them as well.

Board Member Arrigo spoke about the availability of the California Relays Systems Program representative and that the staff person was still interested in attending a Disability Advisory Board Meeting.

Board Member Ring spoke about the lack of a Transportation Sub-Committee and that the City Line is very inaccessible. In addition, Board Member Semonoco stated that Parking Manager, Terri Slimmer will be approving new vans and will contact Board Member Semonoco to try them out

For attendance, if you can not attend a meeting please contact Deputy Clerk Dawn Moreno-Freedman at (323) 848-6332.

Board Member Ahern wanted to know if there were by laws for the Disability Advisory Board. There is a mission statement for the Disability Advisory Board and it is on the roster.

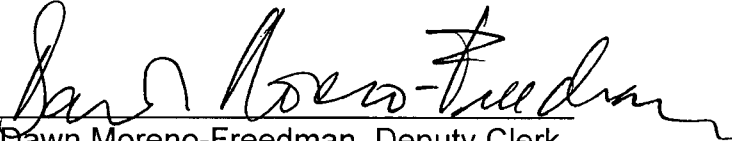
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 6:27 PM to their next regular meeting on **Wednesday, January 10, 2001.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 14th DAY OF February 2001.



Chair Pavich

ATTEST:



Dawn Moreno-Freedman, Deputy Clerk