

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
JULY 28, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairperson Anna Swett called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Debra Chodash led the pledge.

**3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Lisa Andreson, Debra Chodash, Tom Pavich, Anna Swett, Rick Watts

ABSENT: Suzanne Dietrich

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea and Kim Patterson

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for July 28, 2010 was approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for June 23, 2010 were approved.

**6. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR**

Anna Swett was elected Chair and Rick Watts was elected Vice Chair.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeanne Dobrin thanked the DAB for their work and for inviting her on the public art tour.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. OCTOBER 27, 2010 TELEVISED MEETING**

The DAB approved the draft agenda for the televised meeting and confirmed the invitation to New Directions Choir to perform that evening.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Craig Rhea made the following announcements:

**A. Next DAB meeting, August 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- The DAB will finalize the October meeting agenda;
- There may be presentations from the Tweakers Project about crystal meth and from the staff of McIntyre House, a residential substance abuse recovery program.

**B. JVS Vocational Rehabilitation Center:**

The DAB is scheduled to pay a visit to the Jewish Vocational Services' Vocational Rehabilitation Center on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm to look at

assisted technology options for the new West Hollywood Library. We'll depart from City Hall at 12:30pm. Linda Demmers, the City's Library Consultant, plans on joining us.

**C. From the City Clerk:**

The City Clerk is trying to determine the total length of time current Boardmembers and Commissioners have served the City. If any DAB member has served on a different City Board/Commission prior to the DAB, please advise staff. Tom Pavich noted that he'd previously served on the DAB and Lisa Andreson noted that she also currently serves on the Project Advisory Committee.

**D. On Route 66 Lights:**

A lighting ceremony will be held on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30pm at the Sal Guarriello Veterans' Memorial Park to kickoff a neon art exhibit along Santa Monica Boulevard, historic Route 66.

**11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES**

At Rick Watts' request, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting in honor of:

- Army Specialist Brendan Marrocco, the first veteran of the wars in Iraq & Afghanistan to lose all four limbs in combat and survive, who was recently profiled in the *Los Angeles Times*;
- The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and those who fought for its passage; and
- Congressman Jim Langevin of Rhode Island, a quadriplegic who presided over the U.S. House of Representatives on July 26, 2010, the ADA's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary; for the first time, the Speaker's rostrum on the House Floor was made wheelchair-accessible for this occasion.

**12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Lisa Andreson volunteered to report on the July 28<sup>th</sup> DAB meeting to Council offices.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 6:24 p.m. in honor of Army Specialist Brendan Marrocco, Rhode Island Congressman Jim Langevin, and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the ADA to a tour of the City's public art installations with Cultural Affairs Administrator Andrew Campbell and to the next DAB meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 6:00pm in the Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

  
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Chairperson – Anna Swett