

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 25, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Anna Swett called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Debra Chodash led the pledge.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Debra Chodash, Suzanne Dietrich, Anna Swett, Rick Watts

**ABSENT:** Lisa Andreson, Tom Pavich

**STAFF PRESENT:** Craig Rhea

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for August 25, 2010 was approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for July 28, 2010 were approved.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident of the Sierra Bonita Apartments in West Hollywood, spoke about disability services in the City of West Hollywood.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. THE TWEAKERS PROJECT**

Jimmy Palmieri made a presentation about the Tweakers Project, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide information and alternatives to the addicted person and their families through film, print and the web.

**Motion:** The Disabilities Advisory Board will co-sponsor the Tweakers Project for recovery month in September by supporting the idea that addiction is a disease that disables millions.

**Moved by:** Suzanne Dietrich

**Seconded by:** Rick Watts

**Motion approved unanimously.**

Jimmy thanked the Board for its support and asked that any DAB members available plan to attend the Council meeting of September 7<sup>th</sup> when the Tweakers Project will be recognized for its work.

**B. MCINTYRE HOUSE**

Fire Riegel made a presentation about McIntyre House, a residential substance abuse recovery program for men. Their residents range in age from 18 to 65, although most

are in their late 20's and early 30's. Their "sister" facility, the Friendly House on Normandie Avenue located about 10 blocks away, is a women's residential recovery facility with whom McIntyre House interacts, such as having barbeques and Thanksgiving dinner together.

### C. THE ORGANIZATION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

**Motion:** Table this item to the next Board meeting on September 22, 2010.

**Moved by:** Suzanne Dietrich                      **Seconded by:** Rick Watts

**Motion approved unanimously.**

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. OCTOBER 27, 2010 TELEVISED MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and agreed to some revisions suggested by staff. The revised agenda will be included in the packet for the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## 9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Craig Rhea made the following announcements:

### A. Next DAB meeting, September 22nd:

- The DAB will choose the recipients of the 2010 DAB Awards; so far the following number of nominations have been received:
  - Individual/s:     4
  - Business:         2
  - Non-Profit:       0
  - Media:             0
- We could have a presentation about Emergency Preparedness Month from Public Safety.
- We could ask the new Sheriff's Captain to attend a future meeting.
- Any follow-up items about the 10/27 televised meeting, including Boardmember comments and review of the revised agenda.

### B. JVS Vocational Rehab Center:

We'll be visiting there on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm to see some of their assisted technology options. We'll depart from City Hall at 12:30pm. Linda Demmers will be joining us.

### C. October is Disabilities Awareness Month:

The Council Proclamation will be presented on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at West Hollywood Park Auditorium. Council meeting starts at 6:30pm. DAB members should plan on attending if possible.

### D. Other:

- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual West Hollywood Book Fair - Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 6pm at West Hollywood Park.

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## 11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES

Suzanne Dietrich attended this afternoon's Senior Advisory Board meeting and reported the following:

- A new community garden is planned for Detroit Street at Lexington Avenue.
- "WeHo! The Musical!" will be performed at Plummer Park's Fiesta Hall from October 14<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup>. Barbara Krupa, Senior Advisory Boardmember, is one of the community members participating.
- Suzanne took Dial-a-Ride from Plummer Park to City Hall today and was very impressed with the service. Call 1-800-447-2189 the day before you need them to make a reservation. They operate Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm.
- "Brain Fitness," a memory-building class, will be offered for \$30 per semester at Plummer Park.
- A new parking structure is planned for construction at City Hall. It will be automated and will provide over 200 parking spaces.

Rick Watts asked who he should talk to regarding an idea he has about how to use groundwater that is running down the gutters of streets near City Hall. Craig believes it's the City Engineer's office; staff will double check and let Rick know. *(Note: Upon checking with the City Engineer, she asked that Rick contact Donn Uyeno or Mila Sologub in the Public Works Department regarding this issue; the department phone number is 323-848-6375.)*

## 12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Suzanne Dietrich volunteered to report to the Council offices about the Board's August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to the next DAB meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 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