

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
July 22, 2009**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Tom Pavich called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Debra Chodash led the pledge.

**3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Debra Chodash, Suzanne Dietrich, Tom Pavich, Steven Sawyer,  
Anna Swett and Rick Watts

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea and Kim Patterson

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for July 22, 2009 was approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for June 24, 2009 were approved.

**6. ELECTION**

Suzanne was elected chairperson. Anna Swett was elected vice-chairperson.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Sierra Bonita Apartments**

Barbara Hamaker and Shannon Lampkins of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation announced that the Sierra Bonita Apartments are 60% completed, with an anticipated completion at the end of November. There will be 41 units for persons living with disabilities. There will be a three-week window to turn in applications beginning on August 4; a lottery for apartments will be held on August 31.

**B. West Hollywood Book Fair**

The City's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Fair will be held on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Roz Helfand announced the addition of two new stages (Teen and Ghost Storytelling) to the ever-growing event. There will be free shuttles from Plummer Park every half hour during the book fair, and attention has been paid to making the event wheelchair accessible.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. OCTOBER TELEVISED MEETING**

The DAB voted to honor the late Lovedy Brydon by re-naming one award as the Lovedy Brydon Differently Abled Individual Award. They also agreed to invite as speakers Councilmember Lindsay Horvath, Project Angel Food and Disability Specialist Inna Khariton or Marina Berkman, Director of the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center. For entertainment, the vocal group OutaSight will be invited. It was decided that Russian translation will not be offered this year.

## **B. CROSSWALK POLICY**

After a tie vote on the following motion, this item was continued to the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting (3 aye: Debra Chodash, Anna Swett, Rick Watts; 3 nay: Suzanne Dietrich, Tom Pavich, Stephen Sawyer).

“The Disabilities Advisory Board supports the City’s Draft Crosswalks Policy and Practice with the following exception: Revise Section B (Criteria for the installation of enhanced crosswalk technology) by adding, “At the discretion of the City Council or Council’s designated representative/s, and taking into consideration local safety conditions, the minimum 300-foot limit herein referenced may be waived or reduced to a lesser distance as appropriate.”

Boardmember Watts was asked to submit his written motion in advance to be included in the August agenda packet.

## **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

None

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

## **12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES**

Steven Sawyer announced that this is his last DAB meeting and said that he has enjoyed the time he has served on the Board, and wished the Board the best.

Vice Chair Swett announced that she is going back to school and has been working with the Westside Center for Independent Living.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m. to their next meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 6:00pm in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

Tom Pavich

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Chairperson – Tom Pavich