

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
September 26, 2007**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Tom Pavich called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Debra Chodash led the pledge.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea and Kim Patterson

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda for September 26, 2007 was approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes for August 22, 2007 were approved.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ruth Williams of the National Council of Jewish Women spoke on behalf of this 100+ year old organization which is nominated for a Disability Service Award in the Non-Profit category.

Clara Gayle Denson of Gamburd Medical Equipment & Services spoke on behalf of this company which first helped her as a client and now employs her.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. CROSSWALK POLICY**

Walter Davis of the City's Transportation Division reported on behalf of Manager Terri Slimmer that the crosswalk policy is being reviewed by the City Attorney. Once it is approved, it will be sent to the Transportation and Public Safety Commissions and the Pedestrian Bicycle Subcommittee for comment. It will then go back to the City Council, a process that will probably take two months.

**B. OCTOBER 24, 2007 TELEVISED MEETING**

Craig Rhea announced that the Mayor and two Councilmembers have confirmed their participation. Also confirmed is the Emergency Preparedness presentation, the New Directions Choir, Russian translation of portions of the meeting, and the Lanterman Foundation. The DAB discussed and approved the agenda.

**C. ORGANIZATION & BY-LAWS OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

The DAB unanimously approved the motion to change 2.1 of the By-Laws to begin meetings at 6 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. 2007 DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS**

Michael Arrigo was unanimously selected to receive the Disability Service Award for an Individual. Gamburd Medical Equipment & Services was selected to receive the Business Award. The National Council of Jewish Women was selected for the Non-Profit Award. There was no recipient selected for the Media Award.

## **9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Craig Rhea made the following announcements:

### **A. Events**

- **Sun, 9/30/07, 10am-6pm** – City's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Fair at West Hollywood Park.
- **Sat, 10/13/07 – 8:30am-2pm** – Annual Congress of Commissioners and Board Members at Plummer Park.
- **Mon, 10/15/07 – 6:30pm** – City Council meeting to proclaim October as Disabilities Awareness Month.
- **Wed, 10/10/07, 11:30am-1:30pm** – "Simply the Breast" – A discussion on the early detection of breast cancer, treatment and recovery at the National Council of Jewish Women, 543 N. Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles. RSVP to Social Services at 323-848-6510.
- **Sun, 10/14/07 – 6pm-8:30pm** – EDD Media Access Awards at Universal Studios Globe Theatre; tickets are \$150 each.
- **Public Safety Awards** – Were scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>, but have been cancelled and will be rescheduled for January or February.

### **B. Staff recommends that the Board consider going dark in December.**

- The DAB agreed to go dark in December; the meeting of Wednesday, December 26, 2007 will be cancelled.

### **C. Disability Mentoring Day – Wed, 10/17/07**

- Please let staff know if you plan to participate by tomorrow, 9/27/07.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ruth Williams suggested that a DAB member attend the subcommittee meeting of the Transportation and Public Safety Commissions which addresses pedestrian safety concerns. Rick Watts volunteered to attend.

## **11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Ms. Dietrich attended the Human Services Commission meeting. Many people spoke from agencies seeking renewal of their contracts. She also attended the PAC meeting where Casden Properties announced plans to build two 10-story buildings at Movietown Plaza which will have retail on the ground floor, 297 condos and 75 low-income apartments for seniors. She also attended the SAB meeting where they discussed public safety, Movietown Plaza, and the opening of Voda Spa.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Pavich adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 8:33 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.

*Tom Pavich*

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Chairperson – Tom Pavich