

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2001  
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pavich called the Meeting to order at 5:39 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Board Member Weltman led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**  
PRESENT: Board Members Ahern, Arrigo, Dietrich, Pavich, Ring, Saur, Semonco, Weber and Weltman.  
ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison Springer and Deputy Clerk Moreno-Freedman.  
ABSENT: None.

Council Deputy Howard Jacobs stated that he missed working with The Disability Advisory Board. He did give an update on the TTY that he was moving forward to bring a system into City Hall as well as the new Community Center. He also stated that the raised gardens are almost finished on Detroit and Fountain. The City is making sure that it meets standard requirements. This has been a two (2) year project.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**ACTION:** Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, February 14, 2001 as amended by moving 9C to 9A (9A becoming 9B and 9B becoming 9C) **Motion Board Member Weltman, seconded by Board Member Ahern and unanimously carried.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2000. **Motion Board Member Ahern, seconded by Board member Arrigo, Board Member Dietrich and Board Member Weltman abstained, unanimously carried.**

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2001. **Motion Board Member Ahern, seconded by Board Member Weltman and carried noting the ABSENTION of Chair Pavich.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Helie, West Hollywood, introduced himself as the new Coordinator of Community Services Dispute Resolution Services, Inc., he is looking to update his disability contact list of referrals and passed his card out to the Board.

Alan Weber, West Hollywood, Senior Advisory Board Liaison, gave an update on the negative aspects of cell phones while driving and said that the Sheriff's department were becoming involved. He also read endorsements about the positive benefits an Aquatics Center would have for the City of West Hollywood.

**6. STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Staff Liaison Springer and Chair Pavich agreed that the Disabilities Brochure should be brought to a Board meeting so that the Brochure can move forward.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Accessibilities Sub-Committee did meet and are working on a list of things that they want to address. They will make sure that this list is included in the next DAB packet.

The Outreach and Legislative Sub-Committees did not meet.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. DISABILITY NEEDS SURVEY:**

Ilana Nomberg, Disability Specialist, received feedback from the Board on the Survey. She will make sure a final version of the survey is in the March packet and will come to the March meeting to get additional comments from the Disability Advisory Board.

**B. DAB INVENTORY LIST AND C. DAB WORKPLAN:**

These two (2) items were combined for this discussion of what the Disability Advisory Board has done and where they are going.

The make up of the Board is different now. Council Deputy Howard Jacobs has been keeping a list of the projects that the Disability Advisory Board has accomplished. Staff Liaison Springer will see if she can get a copy of this to put in the packet for next month.

Board Member Ahern visited the raised gardens and reported that it doesn't meet the legal guidelines. He urged everyone to take a look at the gardens and to help publicize it.

Board Member Weltman brought up his concern on the increasing cost of prescription drugs.

Board Member Ahern stated that he wanted to identify the citizens in West Hollywood with Disabilities and get them involved. He also spoke about the need to establish relationships of Mentors and Mentees and believes that there is strength in numbers. He also suggested creating a city-wide Disability Day. He stated that such a day would be beneficial and a tool for educating the Public.

Board Member Dietrich requested that the Board look into mental and emotional disorders. The Board has not yet addressed this area.

It was discussed about combining the Accessibilities and Outreach Sub-Committees. The Board recognized that they needed to continue to keep these two subcommittees separate because they do handle different things as similar as they may seem.

The Public Forum is being taken off of the Sub-Committee list.

Board Member Dietrich is dropping out of the Legislative Sub-Committee and Chair Pavich is dropping from the Outreach Sub-Committee.

The Board agreed that they wanted to see more publicity.

Board Member Ahern announced that he would be doing a Disability Public Access show and wanted to make sure that there would not

be any conflict of interests. Chair Pavich let him know that the station would provide guidelines to make sure that doesn't happen. He also announced that he had in his possession the Jewish Family Services contract and wanted to know who monitored it. Staff Liaison Springer confirmed that she monitors that particular contract. Board Member Ahern discussed the need for an accessible City of West Hollywood website. He also wanted to see the Disability Advisory Board agendas and minutes on the web.

These are the five issues which the Board wants to look over the next several months:

- Mental and Emotional Disorders
- Disability Awareness Day
- The Raised Gardens
- To Reduce the Cost of Prescription Drugs
- Publicity

These are the issues that the board is now looking at for the next meeting:

- Disability Day which the Accessibilities Sub-Committee will get started on.
- Have Ilana Nomberg, Disability Specialist address mental and emotional issues.
- The Disability Brochure

**9D. LIAISONS:**

Will be tabled for next month.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**11. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:**

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

Chair Pavich was unable to attend the Board Chairs Meeting.

**B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES.**

Board Member Ahern gave a recap on "Days of Dialogue".

Board Members Semonco and Dietrich were unable to attend the seminar due to lack of transportation.

Board Member Arrigo passed out information on discounts for one's bills.

The Board mentioned a publication COVERT which they had been receiving, but their names did not come from the Disability Advisory Board.

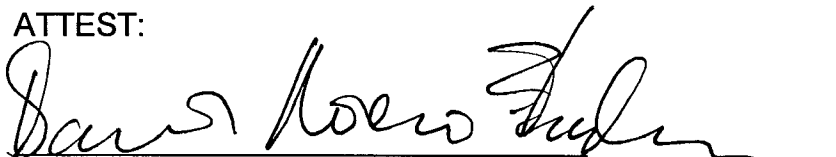
Board Member Saur demonstrated how to use TTY for the Board to see how it works.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:18 PM. The next regular meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 14, 2001.**

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD THIS 14 DAY OF March, 2001.**

  
Chair Pavich

ATTEST:

  
Dawn Moreno-Freedman, Deputy Clerk