

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 11, 1998**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:36 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Advisory Member Aizenman.
3. **OATH OF OFFICE:** The Oath of Office was administered by Deputy Clerk Lucero to new Disabilities Advisory Member Ruth Cislowski.

4. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Advisory Members Aizenman, Cislowski, Howard Jacobs, Pavich, Stredicke, Weltman, Vice-chair Von Douris and Chair Hallenberg.

ALSO PRESENT: Co-liaisons Dusterberg, Reynolds & Springer and Deputy Clerk Lucero.

ABSENT: Advisory Member Kate Jacobs.

5. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

MARIA VILLESER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed various complaints regarding the MTA.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of Wednesday, February 11, 1998. Motion Advisory Member Stredicke, seconded Advisory Member Howard Jacobs with corrections noted by Advisory Member Weltman.

7. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Co-liaison Reynolds commented on the Sheriff's Department's ongoing intense efforts to promote pedestrian safety. She also announced the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation's public participation program for the Westside bus study which is about to enter its final phase.

Lucy Dyke, Transportation Manager, Department of Transportation and Public Works, announced that the City of West Hollywood's Transportation Commission will also be discussing this issue.

Co-liaison Reynolds also announced that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has initiated a pilot program to enforce disabled parking laws.

Co-liaison Dusterberg commented on an AIDS Project Los Angeles event coordinated by Advisory Member Howard Jacobs.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. REPORT ON ACCESSIBILITY OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Lucy Dyke, Transportation Manager, Department of Transportation & Public Works provided an overview of the City's infrastructure with regard to the needs of those with disabilities as outlined in her staff report dated March 11, 1998.

Advisory Member Aizenman suggested that the DAB be consulted before the decision is made to install audible traffic signals that may not be effective.

Ms. Dyke replied that only some locations may be appropriate for audible traffic signals.

Chair Hallenberg stated that the primary concern is the intersection of Santa Monica and La Cienega Boulevards.

Ms. Dyke responded that the City does not currently have control over this intersection. She also stated that there are not as many accidents at this location relative to other intersections throughout the City.

Vice-chair Von Douris stated that his main concern is the intersection of Crescent Heights and Norton which is a disaster waiting to happen.

Ms. Dyke responded that the crosswalk at that intersection may have to be removed.

Advisory Member Stredicke inquired regarding Cityline's automatic lift system.

Ms. Dyke responded that Cityline's system complies with ADA standards.

Advisory Member Stredicke commented that the lift system was inoperable on two occasions.

Advisory Member Weltman asked if any consideration has been given to diagonal crosswalks similar to those in Beverly Hills.

Ms. Dyke responded that these type of crosswalks are more effective when the traffic flow is more balanced. However, they may be considered in conjunction with the Santa Monica Boulevard project.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RECREATION ISSUES WITH REGARD TO THE DISABLED

Advisory Member Howard Jacobs summarized the activities of the recreation subcommittee as outlined in the report dated February 11, 1998. The subcommittee developed four primary recommendations for the recreation programs at the City's parks:

- 1) Develop one class to include the physical needs of the disabled.
- 2) Develop one class to include the developmental needs of disabled.
- 3) Change staffing guidelines.
- 4) Place ADA and adaptive equipment information in the front cover of the City's Recreation Guide.

Vice-chair Von Douris suggested a community meeting in order to reach out to members of the disabled community.

Dale Schiff, Disabilities Specialist, responded that she is coordinating a coffee group and also working on a community picnic to be held during the summer.

Ms. Schiff also stated that community events in past years have failed to have a large turn-out due to their cultural nature - a picnic or coffee group may be more appropriate. Next month she will have a disabilities awareness booth at the Kids Fair and will also be participating in the Kids on the Block program.

Motion to accept the report of the recreation subcommittee and requested that it be submitted to appropriate City staff, seconded Advisory Member Stredicke and unanimously approved.

Advisory Member Weltman urged increased sensitivity with regard to the disabled community, specifically in the choice of language.

B. APPOINTMENT TO SANTA MONICA BLVD. STEERING COMMITTEE

Co-liasion Dusterberg provided background information regarding the Committee.

By consensus, the DAB appointed Advisory Member Howard Jacobs to the Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Committee and appointed Advisory Member Pavich as the alternate.

10. ADDITIONAL CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None.

11. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

Vice-chair Von Douris announced that he distributed materials on the ADA and on the MTA issues.

Advisory Member Howard Jacobs announced an APLA-sponsored lobbying trip to Sacramento in April.

Chair Hallenberg commented that a large multi-use project is to be built at Santa Monica Boulevard and La Brea Avenue. He urged that all development proposals conform to ADA standards.

Advisory Member Pavich inquired if the DAB should have liaisons to other commissions and advisory boards.

Deputy Clerk Lucero responded that generally there are no liaisons between different commissions and boards. However, he will discuss the suggestion with the City Clerk.

Chair Hallenberg suggested that other members of the DAB attend the monthly commission/advisory board chairs meeting as this is an appropriate forum for exchanging ideas between appointed bodies.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:19 P.M. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, April 8, 1998.**



Hugh Hallenberg
Chair

ATTEST:



John Lucero
Recording Secretary