

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

## *Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board*

**March 28, 2012**

*Community Conference Room*

*West Hollywood City Hall*

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Rick Watts, Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Debra Chodash led the pledge of allegiance.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Lisa Andreson, Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, Tim Carlson, Debra Chodash, James Chud, Thomas De Lorenzo, and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Suzanne Dietrich

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea and Kim Patterson

### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for March 28, 2012 was approved.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 22, 2012 meeting were approved.

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Demmers, the president of Friends of the West Hollywood Library, announced the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the library's bookstore on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and invited everyone to attend.

### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. WEST HOLLYWOOD HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL**

Olivia Walker, Recreation Services Manager, and Cleo Smith, Special Events Supervisor, made a presentation about the City's annual Halloween Carnival. Boardmembers were especially interested in exploring ways to ensure this 400,000-person event is even more accessible to people living with disabilities. Recreation staff will consider the Board's comments and requests in the context of the size of the event and the multitude of public safety issues to consider.

### **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION PRESENTATION**

Mark Zangrando, Chair of the Human Services Commission, gave a macro view of the Commission's mission to improve people's lives by

recommending funding to social services agencies. The \$3.7 million budget enables the City to meet core values that serve the needs of the different target populations within the City.

## **B. 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORK PLAN**

The DAB reviewed and approved the 2012 meeting schedule and work plan. The September meeting was rescheduled from Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict with a religious holiday.

## **9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Reported by Craig Rhea:

### **A. Future DAB Meetings:**

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>; Tim Carlson will be away.

### **B. Miscellaneous**

- Senior Health Fair, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. The following Boardmembers volunteered to staff the DAB table:
  - 10am to 2pm – Larry Block and Rick Watts
  - 12noon to 2pm – Lisa Andreson

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Debra Chodash announced that she will be moving out of West Hollywood to Orange County and will really miss the DAB. April 25<sup>th</sup> will be her last meeting.

Thom DeLorenzo asked how the Board could best communicate with its constituency.

Larry Block attended the Transgender Advisory Board meeting and found it very interesting. He would like to find ways for the Disabilities Advisory Board to promote its October awards event.

Michael Arrigo attended the Transportation Commission meeting where there was discussion about traffic lights. He also attended the Transgender Advisory Board and the Senior Advisory Board meetings. He would like the DAB to televise its meetings more than once annually. He would like the Metro express bus along Santa Monica Boulevard (#704) to add a stop at Plummer Park. He would also like disabled parking to be available on San Vicente Boulevard near the West Hollywood Library.

Jim Chud agreed with the additional 704 bus stop at Plummer Park. He wondered if street parking on San Vicente would be any closer to the Library entrance than the current disabled parking spaces provided in the garage.

Chairperson Watts invited the DAB to provide him and Jim Chud with information to disseminate at the July HIV/AIDS conference in Washington, D.C. He also reported that he fasts for three days in the Easter/Passover season and gives away the meals that he would have consumed during that time; he encouraged others to join him in his fast.

**12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Chairperson Watts will report to Council offices about the DAB's March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm to its next meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Conference Room, City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



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DAB Chair – Rick Watts