

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
MAY 13, 1998**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:39 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Advisory Member Pavich.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

ABSENT: Advisory Member Weltman.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of Wednesday, April 8, 1998. Motion Advisory Member Stredicke, seconded Advisory Member Jacobs and unanimously carried.

6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Co-liaison Reynolds stated that the recreation subcommittee report will be on the June 9th Human Services Commission agenda. The subcommittee report will also be heard by the Public Facilities Commission on either June 10th or June 24th.

Co-liaison Reynolds also announced that the public will have an opportunity to submit comments to the City Council regarding the budget at the June 1st Council Meeting. Copies of the draft budget will be available next week either to look through at City Hall or to purchase for \$15.00.

Co-liaison Reynolds also stated that City Clerk Vivian Love has been promoted to the position of Director of Management Services. In this capacity, she will be the City's future ADA coordinator. The City will also contract with an ADA consultant.

Advisory Member Howard Jacobs inquired as to how the DAB will interact with the ADA consultant.

Co-liaison Reynolds replied that the consultant will give a presentation to the DAB in the near future.

Chair Hallenberg stated that he would like the City to become fully ADA compliant as soon as possible.

A. CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST (CSW) FESTIVAL TICKETS:

Co-liaison Springer stated that a number of CSW festival tickets will be available to the City.

B. ACCESSIBILITY TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD POOL:

Co-liaison Dusterberg provided an outline of recreation programs for the disabled: The West Hollywood Park locker room renovation project is fully ADA compliant, special education classes are offered through Fairfax High School, senior swim classes are offered, and there is also a class for those afflicted with arthritis. Additionally, the recreation staff will evaluate all written requests for special needs with 72 hours notice. He also stated that a representative from the recreation division will attend the next DAB meeting.

Chair Hallenberg inquired if the West Hollywood pool has a lift.

Co-liaison Dusterberg stated that it does.

Chair Hallenberg requested that a representative from the recreation division attend a future DAB meeting.

Advisory Member Pavich inquired as to who evaluates whether the renovations are ADA compliant.

Co-liaison Springer responded that code compliance officers and the staff person or contractor overseeing the individual project are responsible for compliance.

Chair Hallenberg expressed that DAB must be included in the process and he elaborated that the City must maintain a policy of inclusion with regard to those afflicted with all disabilities. This policy should

influence recreation programs, including access to the West Hollywood pool.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD TO ADOPT A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OPPOSING HR 3206: THE FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1998:

Staff Co-liaison Dusterberg provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 13, 1998.

Co-liaison Dusterberg stated that the resolution will be presented for approval of the City Council at their June 1st meeting.

Advisory Member Von Douris stated that it is crucial that this bill is defeated.

Advisory Member Pavich inquired if other advisory boards or commissions could co-sponsor this recommendation.

Co-liaison Dusterberg replied that co-sponsorship will slow down the process. Also, the endorsement of DAB carries enough weight that the City Council will take the recommendation very seriously.

Motion Advisory Member Von Douris, seconded Advisory Member Pavich and unanimously carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED:

Andrea Wagner, Director of West Hollywood Employment Services & Training (WHEST) provided an overview of employment services with regard to the disabled community.

Advisory Member Aizenman is concerned that the program does not seem to accommodate those with various disabilities.

Ms. Wagner responded that she has worked with residents who have many different disabilities. However, the program has limited resources. She elaborated that they offer workshops on résumé writing and interviewing. Residents also have access to the library which offers computers, printers and fax machines.

Advisory Member Howard Jacobs expressed that employers must be educated regarding disabilities.

Ms. Wagner responded that the program has performed outreach to employers including interaction with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

By consensus, the DAB agreed that the employment subcommittee would meet this month.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

10. **DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Advisory Member Pavich attended the advisory board/commission chairs meeting and provided a synopsis of all board and commission activities.

Advisory Member Howard Jacobs stated that more input is needed from the disabled community with regard to the Santa Monica Blvd. Steering Committee. He encouraged all to attend these meetings.

Advisory Member Von Douris expressed his concern with regard to the accessibility of the elevator at 24 Hour Fitness.

Motion Advisory Member Stredicke to include a discussion of the 1998 Community Needs Assessment on the June agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Von Douris and unanimously carried.

Motion Advisory Member Howard Jacobs to discuss, at the June meeting, DAB participation in the CSW parade, seconded by Vice-chair Von Douris and unanimously carried.


Co-liaison Springer stated that all city officials are welcome to march in the parade.

Chair Hallenberg announced an historical preservation meeting on May 18th. He encouraged all DAB members to attend.


Advisory Member Pavich encouraged DAB members to attend the next meeting of the Human Services Commission when the report of the DAB recreation subcommittee will be presented.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:16 P.M. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, June 10, 1998.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1998.


Hugh Hallenberg
Chair

ATTEST:


David K. Gillig
Deputy Clerk