

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2000
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pavich called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Board Member Weber led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
 - PRESENT:** Board Members Aizenman, Arrigo, Pavich, Weber and Weltman. Boardmember Semonco arrived at 7:15 P.M.
 - ALSO PRESENT:** Staff Liaison Springer, Staff Liaison Jacobs, and Administrative Staff Assistant Bell.
 - ABSENT:** Board Members Dietrich and Margolis.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Staff Liaison Jacobs moved Item 9.A. to after Staff Comments and Presentations.

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, April 12, 2000 as amended. **Motion Board Member Weltman, seconded by Board Member Weber and unanimously carried.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approve the Minutes of Wednesday, April 12, 2000 as presented. **Motion Board Member Weber, seconded by Board Member Arrigo and unanimously carried.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
7. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Staff Liaison Springer distributed a list of funded social service agencies. Staff Liaison Jacobs suggested a letter from the DAB or a City Council Item requesting money to get signs presented. Chair Pavich stated that a facility should be totally accessible and requested Staff Liaison Jacobs to draft the letter for the DAB to give to the City Council. Chair Pavich volunteered to write a rough draft and will bring it to the next DAB Meeting on June 14, 2000.

Staff Liaison Jacobs thanked everyone for the cards and calls during his illness. He also provided a detailed update on the West Hollywood Park Swimming Pool. He distributed flyers and forms announcing a workshop that the City of Los Angeles Department of Disability is coordinating. Staff Liaison Jacobs stated he will march in the upcoming Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade and he is checking into cars that would be able to accommodate Commissioners, if anyone was interested. He also mentioned that the upcoming City Council Meeting would include an Item for the DAB vacancy. He also announced that the Santa Palm Car Wash near Palm Avenue is where the Disabilities Area will be.

A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No report. The update will be provided at the June 14, 2000 Meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE:

Staff Liaison Jacobs will present a position to the City Council. He suggested that the Board review State and Federal Legislation since prescriptions are not funded unless you are 65 years of age or older. The Board should endorse the concept and he recommended to sign on to this letter (Citizens for Better Medicare.)

Boardmember Weltman suggested asking the City Council to endorse a Resolution supporting the concept of Prescriptions Medicare but increase the coverage limits.

ACTION: Refer to the legislative sub-committees and carried on a Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Boardmembers Weber, Aizenman and Chair Pavich.

NOES: Boardmembers Weltman and Semonco.

ABSTAIN: Boardmember Arrigo.

In addition, the Advisory Board asked Staff Liaison Springer to contact the Citizens for Better Medicare.

B. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD WORK PLAN:

The Disabilities Advisory Board discussed an upcoming work plan and looked at several different goals the Disabilities Advisory Board should take for the next six (6) months.

The Disabilities Advisory Board in conjunction with the Westside Senior Health Summit event will now be part of the Breast Cancer Awareness Month Event with speaker Dr. Susan Love.

Awards will be presented with a cake reception in October and Staff Liaison Jacobs recommended the co-hosting of the Breast Cancer Awareness Event.

Boardmember Aizenman stated that she was not in favor of mixing Cancer with Disabilities ties. Boardmember Weber stated his support due to visibility and outreach. Boardmember Arrigo volunteered to draft a few blurbs and bring them to the next meeting on June 14, 2000. Staff Liaison Springer stated she will work with Boardmembers on where and what to state in the actual advertisement.

ACTION: Approve funding for advertising in October for Disabilities Month in a local publication. **Motion Boardmember Weltman, seconded by Boardmember Arrigo and unanimously carried.**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC RESTROOM LOCK REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

Building Maintenance Supervisor Trudeau presented a report regarding inventory on restroom hardware. He discussed handles and stall doors and stated he preferred locks. A

particular lock of interest is a sub surface lock and it is ADA approved but to do this would require replacing every door. He discussed an alternative of installing handles on the disabled stalls alone and presented some fine examples. He suggested installing the "handle of choice" in the City Hall restrooms so that the Boardmembers could try them at the appropriate height. Boardmember Semonco suggested a simple handle such as sample No. 1.

ACTION: Form a Handle Task Force consisting of Staff Liaison Jacobs, Chair Pavich and Boardmembers Arrigo and Semonco to decide on what handle to choose. **Motion Boardmember Weltman, seconded by Boardmember Weber and unanimously carried.**

B. 2000 BILL TAINTER PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP APPLICATION:

The Advisory Board did not make a decision on this Item.

C. DISABILITY RIGHTS GROUP SUES ROBINSONS-MAY DEPARTMENT STORE CHAIN:

No action taken.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

11. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING AND GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES: Chair Pavich announced that Paul Arevalo is the new City Manager and is currently coordinating the budget process. He also stated that the Commission and Board Appreciation Dinner would be scheduled for late May or early June. He also announced that the Department of Rent Stabilization has a new Interim Director, Christof Schroeder and affordable housing was discussed at great length.

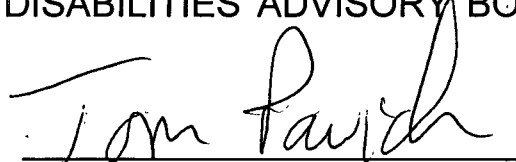
Other topics discussed included: The Fine Arts Gardens at Fairfax Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard; the Master Plan for Parking; Placing County Codes in City Codes; the Hart Park Extension off-leash; Plummer Park Community Complex on schedule; and the Recreation Needs Assessment.

Boardmember Semonco reported on the Transportation Commission and the DeLongpre Traffic Circle.

Boardmember Arrigo announced the Disability Event at the Anaheim Convention Center on June 10th and June 11th.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:06 P.M. in the memory of Bob Craig to their next regular meeting on **Wednesday, June 14, 2000.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 14TH DAY OF JUNE, 2000.



Chair Pavich

ATTEST:



Michael Bursztin, Admin. Staff Asst.