

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER: Board Member Weltman called the Meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Board Member Dietrich led the Pledge.

2. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Board Members Ahern, Arrigo, Dietrich, Ring, Saur, Semonco and Weltman.

ALSO

PRESENT: Tamar Springer, Staff Liason, Administrative Assistant Bell and Deputy Clerk Sims.

ABSENT: None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, June 13, 2001 as presented. **Motion Board Member Weltman, seconded by Board Member Ahern and unanimously carried.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: Approve the minutes of May 9, 2001 as amended. **Motion Board Member Weltman, seconded by Board Member Ahern and unanimously carried.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ALAN WEBER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the use of cell phones while driving. He encouraged the board to support this item.

7. STAFF COMMENTS:

BRIAN GANLEY, INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER, provided handouts and gave a brief status update on the Plummer Park Community Center Computer Room. Fairfax adult school, open to public, 20 computer work stations – two will have special adapted features for disabled persons. He solicited input from the board regarding magnification software. He stated that Acrobat Reader will be pre-installed, Windows 98, Office 2000, Internet Explorer, Fairfax

Adult school will be installing their software and perhaps Jaws & Dragon software. Most of the research has been on visual impairment; not much information was received regarding audio impairment. Board Member Saur will provide information regarding audio impairment.

STAFF LIAISON SPRINGER stated that the Disability Advisory Board Brochure has been approved and she might be able have it for the next meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative Committee – Board Member Weltman reported they have a better chance since the power shift in the Federal legislature.

Outreach Committee – None.

Accessibility Committee – Board Member Ahern reported they have a number of ideas to make entire month Disabilities Awareness Day, such as asking the Mayor to spend a day in a wheelchair; stated a need for educational speakers on mental health as a disability. Perhaps have a wheelchair basketball Expo.

Santa Monica Blvd. Committee: Board Member Semonco reported there is nothing on furnishings yet.

B. DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY:

ACTION: Disability Awareness Day on the 2nd Wednesday of October. **Motion Board Member Dietrich, Seconded by Board Member Semonco and unanimously carried.**

C. CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST / GAY PRIDE:

ACTION: Board Members Weltman and Saur and Dietrich volunteered to ride in a car. Liason Springer will look into arrangements.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. NOMINATION / ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

ACTION: Board Member Weltman elected as Chair and Board Member Semonca as Vice-Chair.

B. DISCUSSION OF TELEVISED MEETINGS

Suggestion to have 2 meetings televised, one during Disabilities Month in October. **ACTION:** Disabilities Advisory Board meetings will be televised in April and October.

C. MDA LABOR DAY TELETHON:

Discussion of the protest by the Disability Community against Jerry Lewis' comments made on May 20th for the MDA Telethon. A number of agencies will be protesting Lewis, the MDA and the ABC network. **ACTION:** Board Member Ahern to write a letter to board write letter to City Council to protest the MDA Telethon.

D. GUSTINE MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Board Member Ahern provided background information as provided in the report in the June 13, 2001 Agenda packet. Packets regarding school children in Modesto with disabilities were publicly ridiculed. **ACTION:** Sub committee on Disabilities Awareness Day to address doing sensitivity training.

E. PETITION ON THE CROSSWALK AT WESTBOURNE DRIVE AND SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:

DR. RICK ANDREWS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, provided background information as outlined in the June 13, 2001 Agenda packet regarding a petition on the crosswalk at Westbourne Drive and Santa Monica Boulevard. Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello recommended Dr. Andrews attend the DOTC. **ACTION:** Staff to compose a letter to Transportation Commission from the Board. **Motion Board Member Ahern, seconded by Board Member Dietrich and unanimously carried.**

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

11. **DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:**

A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING. None.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES.

Board Member Ahern commented on the following:

- meeting agendas & minutes Staff should be updated more frequently on the website.
- the location of JFS – wheelchair entrance not accessible there. (there is a temporary ramp) Ahern to bring back report for next meeting
- are there funds for a guest speaker?
- can DAB get business cards? Yes

Chair Weltman: asked the Board to show up at the City Council on the issue of cell phones.

Board Member Arrigo asked accessibility sub-committee, let's work together.

Chair Weltman: would like to restructure sub committees once vacancies in DAB are filled.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Wayne Zimmerman at 7:05 PM until their next regular meeting on **Wednesday, July 11, 2001.**

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

Chair Weltman

ATTEST:

Leslie Sims, Deputy Clerk