

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
June 27, 2007**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Suzanne Dietrich called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Alan Bernstein led the pledge.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Alan Bernstein, Suzanne Dietrich, Tom Pavich, Joel Ring, Steven Sawyer, and Rick Watts

**ABSENT:** Debra Chodash

**STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie Isenberg and Kim Patterson

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda for June 27, 2007 was approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes for May 23, 2007 were approved.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Emergency Evacuation Plans**

The speaker was unable to attend, so this item was tabled.

**B. Disability Service Awards**

After discussion of proposed changes, the Task Force will present the changes to the Rules & Procedures and the nomination form at the next meeting for approval.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Meeting Stipend**

Leslie Isenberg announced that beginning in July, the City will give Board members a \$50 per month stipend for their work with the DAB. Board members must complete a Substitute Form W-9 prior to receiving the monthly stipend.

**9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Isenberg stated that Craig Rhea is following up on issues raised by DAB (vegetation encroaching on sidewalks and incentives for landlords) and will provide an update at a future DAB meeting.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Alan Bernstein was pleased to announce that the Business License Commission met and discussed issues about Miyagi's and Pinkberry.

Steven Sawyer attended a joint meeting of the Russian and Lesbian & Gay Advisory Boards. Many concerns were raised; it was very positive to note how far things have come in resolving cultural differences. He announced that there is a rent rebate for renters, in addition to the West Hollywood rebate, unless one lives in non-profit buildings. He also attended the Transportation Commission meeting. There was a significant amount of public comment about several issues, participation that he hopes to see at future DAB meetings.

Joel Ring suggested that the DAB draft a motion about pedestrian safety and that this issue possibly be agendized for the televised meeting in October. The Board would like to discuss this further at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Rick Watts drew attention to the fact that PAWS/LA is not listed in the Disability Services brochure.

Tom Pavich attended the Human Services Commission meeting where the Social Services mid-year report was discussed. He noted that there's been a positive response to the City's crystal meth social marketing campaign and that Van Ness Recovery House has received some phone calls as a result of the campaign.

Chair Dietrich encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming National Disabilities Mentoring Day on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Dietrich adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 7:36 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Conference Room of City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA.