

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
JULY 12, 2000
5:30 P.M.
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pavich called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Boardmember Arrigo led the Pledge.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Board Members Aizenman, Arrigo, Dietrich, Margolis*, Pavich, Semonco*, Weber* and Weltman.

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison Jacobs, Deputy Clerk Moreno-Freedman and Administrative Staff Assistant Gillig.

ABSENT: Boardmember Ring.

*Boardmember Weber arrived at 5:52 PM.

*Boardmember Margolis arrived at 5:56 PM.

*Boardmember Semonco arrived at 6:10 P.M.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chair Pavich requested the following changes to the agenda:

Move and hear Item 9.A. as Item 8.A.

Move and hear Item 8.C. as Item 8.B.

Move and hear Item 8.A. as Item 8.C.

Move and hear Item 8.B. as Item 8.D.

Move and hear Item 9.B. as Item 9.A.

Move and hear Item 9.C. as Item 9.B.

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, July 12, 2000 as amended. **Motion Boardmember Weltman, seconded by Boardmember Arrigo and unanimously carried.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approve the Minutes of Wednesday, June 14, 2000. **Motion Boardmember Weltman, seconded by Boardmember Dietrich and unanimously carried.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ALAN WEBER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that he worked extensively with City Clerk Thompson on the passage and adoption of the Senior Advisory Board Liaison and Guidelines. He provided a handout and asked the Disabilities Advisory Board to place this item on their next agenda.

7. STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Staff Liaison Jacobs introduced Deputy Clerk Dawn Moreno-Freedman who will be assisting the Disabilities Advisory Board as Recording Secretary. He noted that Staff Liaison Tamar Springer would not be present at the July and August Disabilities Advisory Board meetings, but assured everyone that she is working diligently on Disabilities Awareness Month.

He gave a brief update on Governor Davis' statement on the lawsuit involving the State of California's disabled placards, handed out a Los Angeles Times article on Disabled Riders Rallying to Denouncing Shuttle Services and asked the Board to put this on the next agenda.

He also informed the Disabilities Advisory Board that several items from the Disabilities Advisory Board will be going before the West Hollywood City Council at their next regular meeting of Monday, July 17, 2000 and encouraged everyone to attend to support these items.

Finally, Staff Liaison Jacobs brought to the attention of an error in the Disabilities Advisory Board Resolution that was to go before the West Hollywood City Council regarding the "wait and cure" period of ninety-(90) days before an individual could sue when there is a violation of ADA; indicating that there currently is no "wait and cure" period and that there is legislation currently moving through Congress that's asking for a "wait and cure" period of ninety-(90) days with an amendment to the ADA.

ACTION: Table the Resolution that was to go before the West Hollywood City Council and bring back at the next regular Disabilities Advisory Board meeting of Wednesday, August 9, 2000 for further discussion. **Motion Boardmember Weltman, seconded by Boardmember Arrigo and unanimously carried.**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE:

Curtis Brown, Recreation Services Administrator gave an update and overview on the Recreation Needs Assessment, which included an update on the activities in West Hollywood Park and the new Comprehensive Services Center in Plummer Park.

B. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SIGNALIZATION UPDATE:

Terri Slimmer, Transportation Manager provided an update and answered questions from the Disabilities Advisory Board on the status of the different types of signalization devices currently available for Santa Monica Boulevard. She also informed and assured the Disabilities Advisory Board that she would return with a vendor for a demonstration of these devices at a later date.

C. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Legislative: Boardmember Weltman commented on a recent article in the Los Angeles Times regarding the Medicare Prescription Drug Program.

Staff Liaison Jacobs reminded the Disabilities Advisory Board that their recommendation regarding this will be appearing on the West Hollywood City Council Agenda on Monday, July 17, 2000.

2) Outreach: None.

3) Public Forum: None.

4) Accessibility: None.

5) Santa Monica Boulevard: None.

6) Capitol Improvement: None.

D. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH PUBLICITY:

ACTION: Tabled to the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting of Wednesday, September 13, 2000. **Motion Boardmember Weltman, seconded by Boardmember Arrigo and unanimously carried.**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION ON JUNE 2000 CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST PARADE/FESTIVAL:

Chair Pavich commented on the ramp to the tennis courts as being extremely steep and that the wooden floor to the Country Western Dance Pavilion had no accessibility. He felt that they did not address any needs accessibility for mobility impaired persons.

Staff Liaison Jacobs informed them that there has been a lot of talk within the Gay and Lesbian Community about Christopher Street West and making it more practical in needs overall to the general public. He also stated that the organization just recently terminated the Board President and that they are looking at a variety of different ways of making the parade more accommodating to the whole community.

Chair Pavich also stated that there were not enough chairs at the viewing facilities set up for the disabled community and this has been a problem in the past.

Boardmember Aizenman recommended that the organization (Christopher Street West) be invited to speak and address the Disabilities Advisory Board.

Boardmember Weber informed the Disabilities Advisory Board about the number of members actually sitting on the Board at Christopher Street West, which is considerably less as it has been in the past.

Staff Liaison Jacobs recommended that the Disabilities Advisory Board invite the new Board President (as soon as one is selected) to come and address some of these issues.

B. ELECTION OF DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:

ACTION: Nominate Chair Pavich as Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board and Boardmember Weltman and Vice-Chair of

the Disabilities Advisory Board. **Motion Boardmember Weltman, seconded by Boardmember Dietrich and unanimously carried.**

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

11. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING: Chair Pavich stated that he would report at the next Disabilities Advisory Board meeting.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES: Boardmember Margolis announced that he has accepted a scholarship in London, England and will be admitting his resignation from the Disabilities Advisory Board shortly.

Chair Pavich commented on an article that appeared in the Los Angeles Times regarding a camp with a special fund set up for disabled children to attend, and if you would like to donate, please contact the Los Angeles Times.


12. ADJOURNMENT: The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 6:45 P.M. to their next regular meeting on **Wednesday, August 9, 2000.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2000.



Chair Pavich

ATTEST:



Michael Bursztin, Admin. Staff Asst.