

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 8, 2001**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Weltman called the Meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** Board Member Dietrich

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Staff Liaison Springer, City Clerk Russell and Deputy Clerk Sims.

**4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER:**

City Clerk Russell administered the oath to Board Member Kerr.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chair Weltman amended the Agenda of August 8, 2001 as follows: Table approval of July 13, 2001 minutes until the September 12, 2001 meeting. **ACTION:** Approve the agenda of Wednesday, July 11, 2001 as amended. **Motion by Board Member Ahern, seconded by Board Member Arrigo and unanimously carried.**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated interest in becoming a member of the Disabilities Advisory Board and presented her qualifications.

ALAN WEBER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, distributed a handout on "An Education on Common Objections to Cell Phone Legislation. He also reminded the Board that the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board will be hosting an event on September 22 for couples who have been together 10 or more years.

## **7. STAFF COMMENTS:**

TAMAR SPRINGER, Staff Liaison, presented business cards to the Board Members, distributed the City Of West Hollywood Services For People Living With Disabilities brochure, and reported meeting with the Outreach sub-committee.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Legislative – None.**

**Outreach /Accessibility –** Board Member Ahern presented activities for October Disabilities Awareness Month. The October 10, 2001 board meeting will be televised and awards presented. There will be yoga classes for people with disabilities. There will be a fair October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> or October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The Mayor has been asked to participate in a wheelchair challenge for a day. There will be a Council proclamation of October as Disabilities Awareness Month on October 1, 2001. **ACTION:** A call for awards nominations will be sent out by Liaison Springer. **Approved by consensus of the Board.**

**Santa Monica Blvd. –** Board Member Ahern reported there will be sign language interpreters at the August 19<sup>th</sup> Santa Monica Boulevard Reopening Ceremony.

### **B. LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING ADOPTION OF A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PROCEDURE:**

**ACTION:** Letter approved and Liaison Springer will forward to City Council. **MOTION: Chair Weltman, seconded by Board Member Semonco and unanimously carried.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE WESTERN LAW CENTER FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS:**

**ACTION:** Receive and file.

**B. NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT:**

Recommendation was made to obtain a target group mailing list. There is a need to identify the disabled within the community.

**ACTION:** Accessibility/Outreach sub-committee will meet to discuss. **Approved by consensus of the Board.**

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**11. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING.**

None.

Chair Weltman reported there was no chairs' meeting in July and announced his resignation from the board. Chair Weltman requested another board member represent DAB at the next Chairs' meeting.

**ACTION:** Board Member Ring will attend the next Chairs' meeting on August 23, 2001. **Approved by consensus of the Board.**

**B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES.**

◆ Board Member Ahern: Discussed the failure of a West Hollywood Business (Koontz's Hardware) to provide wheelchair accessibility and questioned the ADA Coordinator's (V. Love) level of involvement in such issues. **ACTION:** Legislative sub-committee will determine what actions can be taken and report at the next meeting. **Approved by consensus of the Board.**

◆ Board Member Semonco reported sending a letter to the Transportation Commission to clarify the Board's status on the issue of Dr. Rich Andrews's petition on the crosswalk at Westbourne and Santa Monica Boulevard.

- ◆ Board Member Ahern reported the City has purchased new accessibility vehicles.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:02 P.M. until their next regular meeting on **Wednesday, September 12, 2001.** **MOTION: Board Member Ahern, seconded by Board Member Ring and unanimously carried.**