

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 1998**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:50 P.M.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was led by Advisory Member Jacobs.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Advisory Members Aizenman, Cislowski, Jacobs, Pavich, Semonco, Weltman, Vice-chair Von Douris, and Chair Hallenberg.
ALSO PRESENT: Co-liaisons Reynolds & Springer, and Deputy Clerk Lucero.
ABSENT: Advisory Member Stredicke and Co-liaison Dusterberg.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of Wednesday, July 8, 1998. Motion Advisory Member Pavich, with noted corrections, seconded by Vice-chair Von Douris and unanimously carried.

6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**
 - A. **NOVEMBER COMMISSIONER/ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER TRAINING SEMINAR:**
Recording Secretary Lucero announced that a training session will be held on November 4, 1998. The seminar will be open to all commissioners and advisory boardmembers and will be hosted by the City Clerk's Office and the City Attorney.

Co-liaison Reynolds announced that the commissioner/advisory boardmember appreciation cocktail party is tentatively set for the second week in December.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. ACCESSIBILITY OF THE DISABLED COMMUNITY TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK POOL:

Co-liaison Springer announced that the pool is not available to be reserved specifically for the use of the disabled until mid-September.

Advisory Member Jacobs would still like to see some availability for the disabled in September.

Ms. Springer stated that the issue will be addressed again at the DAB meeting in September.

Advisory Member Aizenman inquired regarding possible reconfiguring of the intersection of La Cienega and Santa Monica Boulevards.

Advisory member Jacobs encouraged attending meetings of the Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Committee. The Committee is examining redevelopment of the entirety of Santa Monica Boulevard.

Advisory Member Aizenman expressed concerns that the blind are not consulted prior to implementation of construction projects.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES:

Co-liaison Reynolds presented the staff report which will be submitted to the City Council for approval at their meeting of August 17, 1998.

Ms. Reynolds also outlined suggestions from Daphne Dennis of the Social Services Division as follows: Public service announcements with DAB members, posters, a public information campaign, and general public outreach. Other suggestions are sensitivity training at schools, a cultural event, and an art display.

Advisory Member Weltman suggested a discussion of the scope of the ADA.

Co-liaison Reynolds called for a volunteer to be a liaison to the Social Services Division in planning the events.

Advisory Member Pavich volunteered.

Vice-chair Von Douris presented the report of the Disabilities Awareness Month Planning Subcommittee.

Advisory Member Semonco arrived at 6:25 P.M.

Advisory Member Cislowski arrived at 6:34 P.M.

Advisory Member Pavich stressed that the discussion must focus on the October events.

Vice-chair Von Douris suggested a panel discussion instead of one public speaker.

Co-liaison Springer suggested a cultural event.

Advisory Member Cislowski suggested displaying works of a disabled artist in the City Hall lobby.

Advisory Member Aizenman stressed that the needs of the disabled community must be addressed.

Advisory Member Jacobs stated that more than just one event is necessary for October.

Advisory Member Weltman suggested a brochure outlining activities available to the disabled in the City.

Advisory Member Semonco stated that transportation issues should be stressed and suggested that a representative from the MTA attend the October events.

Advisory Members Pavich and Cislowski volunteered to film the cable spots.

Co-liaison Springer stated that the Social Services Division will coordinate with a graphic artist to produce a poster.

Advisory Member Semonco volunteered to work with Ms. Springer on the poster.

Advisory Member Jacobs suggested working with the Chamber of Commerce.

Chair Hallenberg suggested a Certificate of Appreciation to former Councilmember Abbe Land.

Advisory Member Cislowski suggested translating the posters into Russian.

Advisory Member Jacobs would like more effective outreach efforts.

Co-liaison Reynolds stated that plans will be finalized at the September DAB meeting.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

10. **DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Advisory Member Jacobs announced that the Human Services and the Public Facilities Commissions unanimously approved the report of the DAB Recreation Subcommittee.

Vice-chair Von Douris announced pending legislation regarding the disabled and stated that there is a need for disabled representation on the East Side Project Area Committee.


Chair Hallenberg suggested having a representative from the Rent Stabilization Department at a future DAB meeting.

Advisory Member Jacobs suggested a discussion of employment opportunities for the disabled specifically with regard to HIV related disabilities and how City staff are addressing this issue.

Chair Hallenberg announced a rally to be held on August 13th in Downtown Los Angeles advocating increased funding for In-home Supportive Services (IHSS).

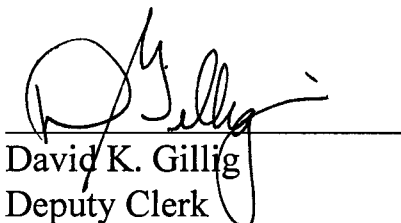
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:15 P.M. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, September 9, 1998.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1998.



Hugh Hallenberg
Chair

ATTEST:



David K. Gillig
Deputy Clerk