

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

## *Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board*

**AUGUST 24, 2011**

*Community Conference Room, City Hall*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Rick Watts, Vice-Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Lisa Andreson led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. SWEARING-IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Mayor Pro-Tempore Jeffrey Prang swore in four new members: Michael Arrigo, Tim Carlson, James Chud, and Thomas De Lorenzo. The fifth new appointee, Larry Block, was unable to attend.

**4. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Lisa Andreson, Michael Arrigo, Tim Carlson, James Chud, Suzanne Dietrich, Thomas De Lorenzo, and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Debra Chodash

STAFF PRESENT: David Giugni and Kim Patterson

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for August 24, 2011 was approved.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the joint meeting of the SAB and DAB on July 27, 2011 were approved.

**7. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**Motion:** Postpone the election until the next meeting to allow the Board to get to know each other.

**Moved by:** Lisa Andreson

**Seconded by:** Thomas De Lorenzo

*Motion carried unanimously with one abstention by Suzanne Dietrich.*

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. 2011 WEST HOLLYWOOD BOOK FAIR

Roz Helfand, Director of the Book Fair, made a presentation about the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual West Hollywood Book Fair to be held on Sunday, October 2, 2011, highlighting changes that include some programming in the new West Hollywood Library.

### B. JVS/WHEST

David Kruskall, program supervisor, gave a history and update on the JVS WHEST program (West Hollywood Employment Services & Training). His current caseload is 74 people, including approximately 10% who are living with disabilities. He announced the West Hollywood Job Fair which will take place on September 27<sup>th</sup> in Fiesta Hall at Plummer Park. The WHEST program is looking forward to moving to the new West Hollywood Library in September 2011.

### C. OCTOBER 26, 2011 TELEVISED MEETING

**Motion:** Approve the draft agenda for the televised meeting.

**Moved by:** Lisa Andreson

**Seconded by:** James Chud

*Motion carried unanimously.*

Michael Arrigo reported that he has an idea for an alternate speaker in case Linda Demmers is unable to attend.

## 11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

### A. Future DAB Meetings:

- **Next Meeting - Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**, 6pm, Community Conference Room at City Hall (*Rescheduled from Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> because of Rosh Hashanah*) – Selection of the 2011 Disability Service Award recipients. The nomination forms are available now.
- **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, West Hollywood Park (or West Hollywood Library)** – Televised meeting.
- **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**, 6pm, Community Conference Room at City Hall (*Rescheduled from Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> because of Thanksgiving*) – Evaluation of televised meeting
- **No meeting in December**

### B. Annual Congress of Boards & Commissions

- Scheduled for **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 1:30pm at the new West Hollywood Library**
- More info will be forthcoming from the City Clerk's office.

### C. Other:

- **Tomorrow, Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** – Women's Equality Day Celebration 2011 at City Hall – 6:30pm to 8pm.
- **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** – **Grand opening of West Hollywood Library**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS**

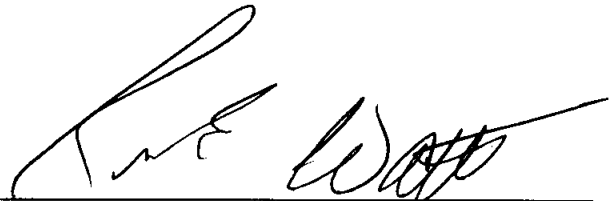
Board members introduced themselves and said why they are interested in serving on the Disabilities Advisory Board.

**14. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Suzanne Dietrich will report to Council offices about the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the DAB.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. to the next meeting on Monday, September 26, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Watts", is written over a horizontal line.

DAB Vice Chair – Rick Watts