

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 1998**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:40 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was led by Vice Chair Von Douris.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Advisory Members Aizenman, Cislowski, Jacobs, Pavich, Semonco, Vice-chair Von Douris and Chair Hallenberg.

ALSO PRESENT: Co-liaisons Reynolds & Springer, and Deputy Clerk Lucero.

ABSENT: Advisory Members Stredicke & Weltman

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of Wednesday, August 12, 1998. Motion Advisory Member Jacobs seconded by Advisory Member Cislowski and unanimously carried.
6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. COMMISSION & ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING
(Special Request for Meeting Summary)**

Kathryn Reynolds, Staff Co-liaison, presented an overview of inter-commission/advisory board communication and the distribution of the Chairs' Meeting summaries.

B. UPCOMING RENT STABILIZATION DISCUSSION

Staff Co-liaison Reynolds announced that Sue Wilcox of the Rent Stabilization Department will attend a future DAB Meeting.

Ms. Reynolds also updated the DAB on the status of the City's ADA consultant. She elaborated that a questionnaire will be sent to all City

departments and after it is reviewed by the Directors then the ADA consultant will appear before the DAB.

Staff Co-liaison Dusterberg announced that AB 2020 was vetoed by Governor Wilson.

C. UPCOMING DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYMENT FOR THE DISABLED

Staff Co-liaison Springer announced that the City's AIDS specialist, Tom West may appear before the DAB in November.

Advisory Member Jacobs suggested including a summary of Mr. West's activities in the October packet.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE DISABLED COMMUNITY TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK POOL

Bonnie Smith, Recreation Supervisor, provided an overview of classes offered at the pool. She also stated that Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. may be reserved for the disabled.

Ms. Smith stated that she will check on locker room accessibility to the disabled.

By consensus, the DAB requested an open swim time for the disabled and to observe the response from the disabled community.

B. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES

Tamar Springer, Staff Co-liaison, announced an art display at City Hall during October and a possible reception on October 14th, the night of the next DAB meeting.

Advisory Member Aizenman arrived at 6:15 P.M.

Ms. Springer requested suggestions for the slogan to appear on the Disabilities Awareness Month poster.

Advisory Member Pavich suggested, "Don't Dis Our Abilities" as a possible slogan.

By consensus of the DAB, the slogan was accepted.

Advisory Member Pavich inquired if the City Council will declare October, Disabilities Awareness Month.

Co-liaison Dusterberg replied that the City Council will have a proclamation at their October 5th meeting.

Vice-chair Von Douris suggested a Certificate of Appreciation to former Councilmembers Abbe Land, her former Deputy Deanna Stevenson and former Councilmember Steve Schulte.

Motion Advisory Member Pavich to present a Certificate of Appreciation to former Councilmembers Abbe Land and Steve Schulte, seconded Vice-chair Von Douris and carried noting the no vote of Advisory Member Jacobs.

Advisory Member Pavich distributed proposed public service announcements promoting Disabilities Awareness Month.

C. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT FOR THE DISABLED

Chair Hallenberg announced that he and Advisory Member Jacobs will be meeting with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce on October 7th. There will also be a mention in the Chamber newsletter.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF SELPA CONFERENCE

Chair Hallenberg requested that the DAB co-sponsor the upcoming SELPA Conference.

Motion Advisory Member Jacobs for the DAB to co-sponsor the SELPA conference, seconded by Vice-chair Von Douris and unanimously carried.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

10. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

Vice-chair Von Douris stated that the Los Angeles County Housing Authority is performing unnecessary inspections of Section 8 housing. He alleged that inspectors are specifically harassing the disabled as those with physical disabilities may find it difficult to meet the program's requirements.

Advisory member Cislowski is concerned that this may be a trend.

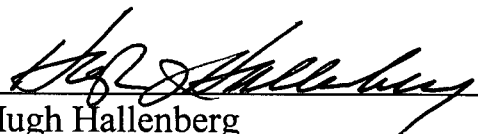
Advisory Member Jacobs commended members of the DAB for attending the Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Committee meetings.

Advisory Member Aizenman commented on the intersection of Santa Monica and La Cienega Boulevards.

Vice-chair Von Douris announced that he will be representing the DAB at the East Side Project Area Committee meetings. He also announced the October 28th Awareness Luncheon sponsored by the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities.

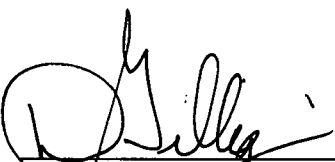
11. ADJOURNMENT: The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:10 P.M. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, October 14, 1998.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.



Hugh Hallenberg
Chair

ATTEST:



David K. Gillig
Deputy Clerk