

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

## *Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board*

**September 27, 2011**  
***Great Hall, Plummer Park***

**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**

New Boardmember Larry Block was sworn in.

**4. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Lisa Andreson, Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, Tim Carlson, James Chud, Suzanne Dietrich and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Debra Chodash and Thomas De Lorenzo

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea and Kim Patterson

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for September 27, 2011 was approved.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 24, 2011 meeting were approved.

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

Rick Watts was elected Chair and Lisa Andreson was elected Vice-Chair.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anna Swett welcomed the new members and expressed disappointment in not being reappointed to the DAB. She said it was an honor to serve on the Board for four years.

Yola Dore spoke about the nominations she made for the DAB awards.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2011 DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS**

Recipients of the 2011 awards were selected:

- Lovedy Brydon Differently Abled Individual: Ric Rickles
- Business: LMS Health Partners ADHC (Adult Day Health Care), Los Angeles
- Non-Profit Organization: The Amanda Foundation, Beverly Hills
- Media: The Disability Network (Janet Neal, Host)

## **B. LIAISONS TO OTHER CITY ADVISORY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

Boardmembers expressed interest in serving as the DAB Liaison to the following City Commissions and task force:

- Human Services Commission: Jim Chud
- Planning Commission: Jim Chud
- Transportation Commission: Michael Arrigo
- Bicycle Task Force: Tim Carlson

The Board agreed to continue discussion about DAB Liaison assignments at a future meeting.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. OCTOBER 26, 2011 TELEVISED MEETING**

The proposed agenda was finalized, and volunteers to be Council back-ups for award presentations were:

- Individual – Suzanne Dietrich
- Business – Rick Watts
- Non-Profit – Lisa Andreson
- Media – Michael Arrigo

## **11. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

### **A. Future DAB Meetings:**

- **October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, City Council Chambers, West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd.** – Televised meeting.
- **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, City Hall, Community Conference Room** – Agenda includes: City Clerk's presentation about the Brown Act, evaluation of the televised meeting, City Transit Programs, and Rent Stabilization & Housing Annual Report.
- **No meeting in December.**

### **B. October is Disabilities Awareness Month**

- **City Council, Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm, City Council Chambers at West Hollywood Library** – The Council will present a proclamation and we'd like as many DAB members to attend as possible.

### **C. 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 information will be forthcoming from the City Clerk's office.

### **D. Brown Act**

- The City Clerk will attend a future DAB meeting to review important provisions of the Brown Act.
- Key elements:
  - All Advisory Board meetings are open and public; the public must be given opportunities to speak.

- A quorum of Boardmembers (5) cannot gather in one place without public notice.
- No serial meetings allowed – whether in person or via email – where one DAB member communicates with another, then another until a quorum of 5 members has communicated. It's best to avoid discussing issues under the Board's purview with other Boardmembers unless it's at a public meeting.
- West Hollywood follows informal parliamentary procedures designed to help the Chair run meetings, not make it harder.

**E. Other:**

- **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Grand opening of West Hollywood Library; 10am-2pm**
- **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Book Fair – 10am-6pm at West Hollywood Park; Shuttle from Plummer Park during Book Fair hours**
- **October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- **Bicycle Task Force – Wed, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – Plummer Park; Irwin Chodash is on the task force & Debra (DAB) has attended most meetings.**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Larry Block said he is visually-impaired and has some ideas about how we can be a City that takes care of its own. He's volunteered for and been a consumer of City services and agencies.

Michael Arrigo announced that his dear friend Sandy Varga passed away. Sandy served on the Board of ACCESS Services.

Suzanne Dietrich welcomed Larry to the Board.

Jim Chud talked about the conference that he attended in New Orleans for health care advocacy for substance abusers. He also announced that Serra Project received a \$1.3 million award to house 40 people.

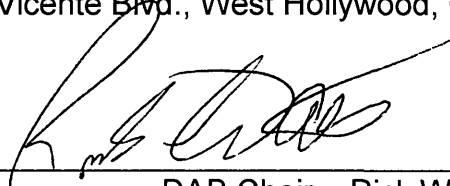
Chairperson Watts announced the AIDS Walk on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, as well as volunteer possibilities during the holidays.

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

Larry Block will report to Council offices about the DAB's September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m., in memory of Sandy Varga, to its next meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at the West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.




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DAB Chair – Rick Watts