

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 2000  
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pavich called the Meeting to order at 5:35 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Board Member Weltman led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**  
**PRESENT:** Board Members Arrigo, Pavich, Semonco, Weber and Weltman  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Staff Liaison Jacobs and Springer, Deputy Clerk Moreno-Freedman and Administrative Staff Assistant Bursztin.  
**ABSENT:** Board Members Dietrich and Ring.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**ACTION:** Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, October 11, 2000 as presented. **Motion Board Member Weltman, seconded by Board Member Weber and unanimously carried.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
The minutes of the meetings of September 13, 2000 and October 11, 2000 will be included in the November 8, 2000 Disabilities Advisory Board Agenda Packet for approval.
- 6.A. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
7. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**  
Staff Liaison Jacobs said that October is Disability Awareness Month, which was approved by Council. On October 16, 2000, the City Council will be approving the two seats currently open on the board. He announced that he would be stepping down from the Disabilities Advisory Board and moving to the Senior Advisory Board.  
  
Staff Liaison Springer announced that Dr. Susan Love would be speaking for Breast Cancer Awareness Month at the Bel Age on October 24, 2000. The Women's Advisory Board, the Disabilities

Advisory Board and several other cities would be sponsoring this event.

Board member Weltman expressed his sadness in seeing Staff Liaison Jacobs's step down from the board.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Board Member Weltman spoke about HR 3590 and Clint Eastwood's hotel in Carmel and how the court ruled in his favor

Board Member Arrigo announced that he is working on getting visibility for the Board in print in the West Hollywood Independent.

**B. KEVIN TRUDEAU, PROJECT SUPERVISOR, GAVE AN UPDATE ON RAISED GARDEN FOR DETROIT STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN:**

The City Council approved the raised gardens at an earlier meeting making the necessary changes to make it affordable. The City is handling this project as the general contractor. Some of the work is being completed in-house and the remainder of the work is being contracted out. The lease is a month-to-month, helping to control expenses. The Recreation Services Division is handling the coordination of the lease.

Staff Liaison Jacobs mentioned that West Hollywood Elementary school has a pamphlet out on raised gardens.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. PRESENTATION ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT:**

Terri Slimmer, Parking Manager, introduced Stan Garren, Consultant, from Pacific Lighting Sales, Inc. and John F. McGaffey President of Polara. They gave the presentation. The benefits of this pedestrian signal are that no one can take

away the flags such as the types that are used for Self-Flagging Crosswalks. An individual can push a button and be told what street they are at. Additionally, the button can vibrate for the visually impaired.

**ACTION:** 1) For the first meeting in November 2000 to recommend to the City Council to investigate this device. **Motion Board Member Pavich, seconded by Board Member Weltman and unanimously carried.**

**10. PRESENTATION OF DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS:**

- A. Councilmember Sal Guarriello provided historic information on how The Disability Service Awards was presented before City Council two (2) years ago to recognize an individual, a non-profit agency and a business for outstanding service to the community. He presented the first award which was an Individual Awardee to Diane Gilbert, A Special Education Teacher at Melrose Avenue School.
- B. Mayor Jeffrey Prang stated that after the November Meeting, Staff Liaison Jacobs would be stepping down and a new Staff Liaison would be replacing him. He listed the many accomplishments of Staff Liaison Jacobs such as making sure that there were more door handles on the rest rooms, the inroads he made in the areas of recreation such as the Adaptive Swim Program, the Wheel Chair Tennis and private enterprise. He is proud of the work that Staff Liaison Jacobs has accomplished for the Disabilities Advisory Board. He then presented the Non-profit Agency Award to Aids Project Los Angeles Work Services Program.
- C. Mayor Jeffrey Prang presented the third award a Business Award to the owners of Choice Travel, affordable travel to people with needs and without, Tony and Lee Anne Willis.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

**13. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRS' MEETING.** Chair Pavich provided an update on the Commission/Advisory Board Chairs. The federal government is giving two million dollars to the Gateway Project and eight million dollars in loans. The Business License Commission is letting the Argyle Hotel extend patio hour to midnight during the week and 1 AM on weekends. The Senior Advisory Board had a successful retreat. The Gay and Lesbian Advisory Board is planning their retreat and addressing lesbian issues. A task force is being formed for Transgender issues. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be an education forum on partnership abuse. The Fine Arts Commission has \$20,000 available for disbursement and is currently deciding who should receive the money for grants. The Public Safety Division has a new manager, Richard Odenthal. He's planning to work with the Cities of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles on the cruising control issue. There were physical attacks on people on Santa Monica Boulevard, Harper Avenue and at Plummer Park. The Parkings Needs Assesment Meeting will be October 30<sup>th</sup>. The old Firehouse is reopening on Robertson Boulevard. The Department of Transportation and Public Works is putting up a roundabout at Westmount Drive and West Knoll Drive while stop signs are going up at Harper Avenue and Delongpre Avenue. There will be a fundraiser on October 14th for the library.

**B. GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING DISABILITY ISSUES.** Boardmember Arrigo expressed his regret about Staff Liaison Jacobs leaving The Disabilities Advisory Board.

Boardmember Semonco plans to give a full report about access rides and plans to get together with Terri Slimmer.

Staff Liaison Springer thanked Ilana Nomberg, Disability Specialist, for coming to all the meetings.

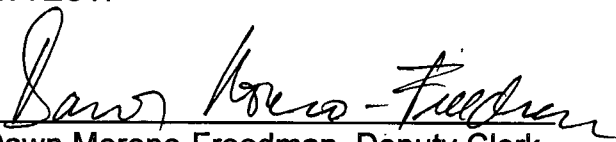
The Boardmembers mentioned how they missed Frida Aizenman.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 6:42 PM to their next regular meeting on **Wednesday, November 8, 2000.**

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2000.**

  
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Chair Pavich

ATTEST:

  
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Dawn Moreno-Freedman, Deputy Clerk