

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 11, 1998**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was led by Advisory Member Weltman.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

ABSENT: Advisory Member Semonco.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
City Council Deputy Dusterberg announced that he will be leaving the City as he has accepted a position as executive director of a corporation in Ohio.

Vice-chair Von Douris presented a commendation from the Disabilities Advisory Board to Mr. Dusterberg.

5. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**
Staff Co-liaison Reynolds announced the commission/advisory board recognition cocktail reception on December 9th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the Formosa Café.

By consensus, the meeting of the Disabilities Advisory Board scheduled for December 9, 1998 will begin at 5:00 P.M. instead of 5:30 P.M.

Motion Advisory Member Jacobs to place a presentation by Tom West, Lead Social Services Program Specialist, on the December DAB agenda, seconded by Vice-chair Von Douris and unanimously carried.

Advisory Member Cislowski suggested cablecasting next year's reception commemorating Disabilities Awareness Month.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **RECENT CHANGES IN RENT STABILIZATION**

Sue Wilcox, Rent Stabilization Department outlined changes in the West Hollywood Rent Stabilization Ordinance with regard to recent changes in state law.

Advisory Member Weltman inquired if there are ADA exceptions to the new state rent control regulations.

Ms. Wilcox stated that there are no provisions for the disabled.

Advisory Member Jacobs inquired if there is a relocation program for Section 8 housing recipients.

Ms. Wilcox stated that the City has no such program.

Advisory Member Weltman stated that we may be operating under the false assumption that rents will increase with the advent of vacancy decontrol.

Advisory Member Jacobs stated that we must however, be proactive if residents will lose their housing as a result of rent deregulation.

Advisory Member Weltman suggested enlisting the aid of Congressman Henry Waxman.

Advisory Member Pavich inquired what DAB can do to assist the Rent Stabilization Department.

Ms. Wilcox replied that DAB may provide contacts to various disabilities advocacy groups.

Motion Advisory Member Weltman to draft a letter for the December DAB agenda addressed to Congressman Waxman, Governor-elect Davis, State Senator Hayden, State Assemblyman Knox and Housing & Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo regarding rent control changes effective January 1, 1999 resulting in possible hardship to the disabled community and asking for assistance, seconded by Vice-chair Von Douris and unanimously carried.

B. NEW SENIOR/TEEN CENTER AT PLUMMER PARK

This Item was continued to January 13, 1999.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

9. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

Advisory Member Jacobs provided a synopsis of the recent Commission/Advisory Member Chairs' Meeting.

Advisory Member Weltman suggested discussing disability issues with regard to the La Brea Gateway project at the January DAB meeting.

By consensus of the DAB, the Gateway project will be discussed in January.

Chair Hallenberg suggested that Vice-chair Von Douris be the facilitator to ensure that DAB members attend meetings of the East Side Project Area Committee and the Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Committee.

Chair Hallenberg also suggested a discussion on the City's ADA self-evaluation and transition plan for the February DAB meeting.

By consensus of the DAB, the ADA issues will be placed on the February DAB agenda.

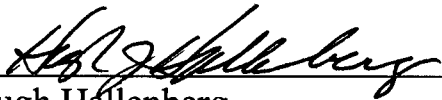
Co-liaison Reynolds suggested discussing the public forum on disabilities at the next DAB meeting.

By consensus of the DAB, the forum will be placed on the December DAB agenda.

Vice-chair Von Douris announced a petition to save the ficus trees along Santa Monica Boulevard and a possible ballot measure to that effect.

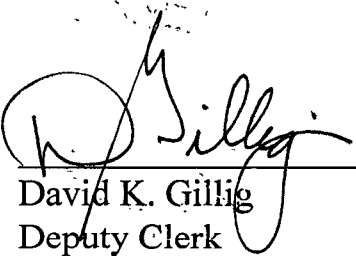
- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:13 P.M. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, December 9, 1998 at 5:00 P.M.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1999.



Hugh Hallenberg
Chair

ATTEST:



David K. Gillig
Deputy Clerk