

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
November 12, 2003**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Cherner called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Dietrich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Norman Cherner, Debra Chodash, Suzanne Dietrich, Yola Dore, Joel Ring, and Ann Semonco

ABSENT: Chuck Henry

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaisons Daphne Dennis, Leslie Isenberg and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the November 12th meeting was approved, after an amendment was approved to move Item #11-Staff Announcements to follow Item #7.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 22nd meeting were approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Inna Epshteyn, Disability Specialist, reported that October was a very busy month. The bus strike created a lot of transportation needs. There will be a Social Club for people with disabilities on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at Plummer Park, beginning Dec. 4.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Parliamentary Procedure:** Tom West, City Clerk, outlined the parliamentary procedures for meetings and said that these are meant to help, and not hinder meeting success. Roberts Rules of Order presents a method for running meetings in an orderly manner and for allowing all voices to be heard. He announced that a formal training on the Brown Act for Boards and Commissions will be held on Jan. 28, 2004.
- B. Access Services:** Rycharde Martindale and Brian Selwyn from Access Services explained the changes with the new contract that began on Nov. 1. There was a switch from same day reservations to next day reservations. The number of extended trips booked on one call has increased from four to six. There are some fare changes, and there is now the ability to buy fare coupons. They addressed some of the current problems that they are encountering and attempting to solve. An application for Access Services can be downloaded at www.asila.org, or obtained by calling 800-827-0829 #1. West Hollywood reservations can be made by calling 877-408-9378.
- C. By-Laws:** The Advisory Board by-laws were received and filed.
- D. DAB Meeting Dates and Location:** There was discussion of a proposal from staff to change the date of the DAB meetings to the 4th Wednesday of the month, and to change the location to City Hall. A vote was taken, resulting in half the DAB voting in favor of the proposal, and half voting against it. The Board requested that this item be re-agendized for further discussion next month.
- E. DAB Workplan:** The City Council has requested that all Advisory Boards develop a two-year workplan. Ms. Isenberg requested that each DAB member provide her 1-2 goals to be considered for the workplan by Wed., Nov. 26. Ms. Dore would like to have a DAB retreat, similar to what

the SAB had this month. Chair Cherner suggested that the retreat be agendized for the next meeting.

10. DAB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Dore brought new City Line schedules. She would like to discuss the problems with the taxis for a future meeting.

Chair Cherner welcomed Ms. Dietrich back after her surgery.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Cherner adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Plummer Park.**