

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Anna Swett called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Debra Chodash led the pledge.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lisa Andreson, Debra Chodash, Tom Pavich, Anna Swett, Rick Watts

ABSENT: Suzanne Dietrich

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea, Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for September 22, 2010 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for August 25, 2010 were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Yola Dore, West Hollywood resident, spoke about her nomination of the Four Seasons Cleaners for the 2010 Disability Service Award in the Business category.

Barbara Hamaker of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation invited DAB members to the November 6th groundbreaking ceremony for the senior housing project at 1234 N. Hayworth Avenue.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Shirley Berry, the City's Emergency Management Coordinator, encouraged DAB members to be prepared for emergencies and to urge others to be prepared by keeping an emergency kit in the car, in the home and at work. She announced that the Senior Center at Plummer Park has been designated as a cooling center on very hot days. She also told DAB members that the Kids' Fair in April 2011 will have survival products available for the first time.

B. 2010 DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS

Yola Dore was selected as the recipient of the 2010 Lovedy Brydon Differently Abled Individual Award.

The WeHo Copy Center was chosen for the 2010 Disability Service Award in the Business category.

West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation was chosen in the Non-Profit category.

C. WORK PLAN FOR THE DAB

The DAB unanimously approved the draft work plan presented by staff for City Council approval.

Motion: Recommend that the City Council approve the draft work plan presented by staff with the understanding that the DAB may decide to recommend the addition of other germane items at a later date if necessary.

Moved by: Rick Watts

Seconded by: Lisa Andreson

Motion carried unanimously

D. ORGANIZATION OF THE DAB

After discussion, no changes were recommended for the terms of office for the DAB Chair and Vice-Chair.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. OCTOBER 27, 2010 TELEVISED MEETING

The Board finalized the meeting agenda. Debra Chodash will help present the Lovedy Brydon Differently Abled Individual Award, Lisa Andreson will help present the Business Award, and Tom Pavich will help present the Non-Profit Award. For "Remarks by Board Members," DAB members were reminded to prepare their remarks in advance and to keep them to no more than two minutes.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Craig Rhea made the following announcements:

A. Next DAB meeting is the televised meeting on October 27th at West Hollywood Park Auditorium:

- Meters near auditorium on San Vicente Boulevard will be reserved for City Council and DAB members.
- Plan to arrive by 5:30pm if possible.
- Have notes and keep your remarks to 2 minutes.
- If you have a photo you want to show, let the CATV crew know beforehand.

B. October is Disabilities Awareness Month:

Council Proclamation will be presented on Monday, October 4th at West Hollywood Park Auditorium. Council meeting starts at 6:30pm. DAB members should plan on attending if you can. Social Services staff will be represented by Daphne Dennis & Leslie Isenberg.

C. JVS Vocational Rehabilitation Center:

On Friday, September 17th, five DAB members, Linda Demmers & Craig made a site visit to see some of JVS' assisted technology options. Linda will cover some of this in her presentation at the October televised meeting. This

visit will help inform the Board's future discussions about recommendations for the \$20,000 NOD Award.

D. Issue from Constituent:

Jerome Cleary, a West Hollywood constituent, contacted Lindsey Horvath's office and is advocating for the property owner of the Sunset Plaza development to provide trash cans on Sunset Boulevard and Sunset Plaza Drive in addition to the trash cans provided in the Sunset Plaza parking lot. Staff will advise the DAB if Council decides to take any action.

E. Other:

- **9th Annual WeHo Book Fair** – this Sunday, **September 26th** from 10am to 6pm in West Hollywood Park.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES

Chairperson Swett attended a presentation on balance, arthritis and osteoporosis which she found very informative. This weekend there will be a Polish Festival at 3424 W. Adams Boulevard.

Vice-Chair Watts announced a fundraiser this weekend for AIDS Healthcare Foundation. The 26th Annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles will be held in West Hollywood on Sunday, October 17th. He would like to encourage West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation to reconsider the prohibition of carpeting on the concrete floors at the Sierra Bonita Apartments and may call them with his suggestion.

12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Chairperson Swett volunteered to report to Council offices about the Board's September 22nd meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 7:48 p.m. to the televised DAB meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 6:00pm in the auditorium of West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



Chairperson – Anna Swett