

## CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

### *Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board*

**January 23, 2013**

***Community Conference Room, West Hollywood City Hall***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Larry Block, Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Public Safety Commissioner Sam Borelli led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, James Chud, Thomas De Lorenzo,  
Suzanne Dietrich, Anny Semonco, and Rick Watts

STAFF PRESENT: David Giugni, Corri Planck, and Kim Patterson

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for January 23, 2013 was approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 28, 2012 meeting were approved.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Inna Khariton, Disability Specialist at the Comprehensive Service Center, introduced herself to the new members and briefly described the services her program offers. She will return in March for a more detailed report.

Perri Sloane Goodman, Social Services and Transportation Program Administrator, announced that the new, free! CityLine routes will be rolling out at the beginning of March. She encouraged the DAB to pass the word.

Dr. Molly Casey, Women's Advisory Board member, announced the Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> MENding Monologues performance in the City Council Chambers which is part of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary V-Day events to end violence against women. On Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a free writing workshop at the West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

Sam Borelli, Public Safety Commissioner, announced his candidacy for City Council.

Anne-Marie Williams, Human Services Commissioner, announced the 2013 Community Study which will update community demographics and help determine funding for Social Services. There will be a random mailing of a survey, and then focus groups and pop-up workshops for community input.

David Nash, West Hollywood resident, spoke about the helpful services he's received from Inner City Law Center.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. INNER CITY LAW CENTER**

The speaker did not show up to give a presentation.

### **B. COMMUNITY STUDY**

Corri Planck detailed the purpose and process of the Community Study, and asked the DAB to encourage friends and neighbors to send in the surveys to ensure a statistically valid sample. A social media campaign has begun as well. The culminating event will be a community meeting on March 14 to prioritize funding for Social Services.

### **C. OUTREACH FOR DISABILITY SERVICES**

Corri Planck described the tools and strategy for outreach, including mini-profiles of Social Service agencies on Facebook, and PSA's on the West Hollywood cable TV channel. Suggestions from the DAB included a blog to reach the homebound, a brochure and signage to inform the public of the new library equipment for people living with disabilities, WeHo Cares shirts, and televised more DAB meetings.

### **D. 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORK PLAN**

The DAB discussed the meeting schedule and work plan, and made suggestions for additional agenda items.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

David Giugni gave an update on the Werle Building. The City has contracted with an architect to make the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. ADA accessible for the Mazer Archives.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **11. REMARKS BY BOARDMEMBERS**

Chairperson Block attended the Transportation Commission meeting where T-intersections were discussed. He also asked for the DAB to think of how to spend the remaining funds in the DAB budget and discuss them in a future meeting.

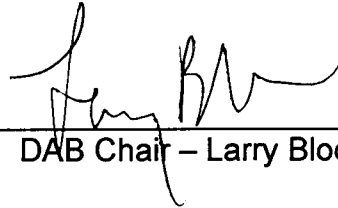
Rick Watts attended the LGAB's Joint Study Session with the City Council. He reported that the crosswalk updates are almost complete. He just returned from attending President Obama's second term inauguration.

## **12. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Tom DeLorenzo volunteered.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm to its next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Block", is written above a horizontal line.

DAB Chair – Larry Block