

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
March 24, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Anna Swett called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for March 24, 2010 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for February 24, 2010 were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood resident, raised her concerns about the new City website. She has asked Helen Goss to look into replacing the peach and light green text colors with colors that provide more contrast and would be easier to read for people living with sight impairments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD'S CONSTITUENCY

Craig Rhea reported that the new funding cycle for Social Services agencies is beginning soon. Chuck Henry of the Human Services Commission noted that it has been a 2-year funding cycle in the past, but this year the Human Services Commission is recommending a 3-year cycle.

Some of the suggestions made by DAB members and the public regarding the social service needs of the DAB's constituency included:

- Increasing outreach to community members to familiarize them with the social services offered by the City, including the availability of urgent funds;
- Reviewing the City's new website as a follow-up to Jeanne Dobrin's request;

- Funding a community needs study (Chuck Henry explained that this is done approximately every other funding cycle);
- Creating an awareness campaign for young people about the importance of protecting their sight and hearing;
- Installing warning lights for crosswalks at non-signalized locations;
- Increasing services for the Russian-speaking community.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were none.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES


There were none.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Disabilities Advisory Board adjourned at 6:35 p.m. to their next meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 6:00pm in the Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

11. TOUR OF SIERRA BONITA APARTMENT PROJECT

The Disabilities Advisory Board toured the new West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation's affordable housing apartment project for people living with disabilities.



DAB Chair Anna Swett