

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
October 22, 2003**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Cherner called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Melrose Avenue Elementary School students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. OPENING SONG:

New Directions Choir sang "The Star-Spangled Banner".

4. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Norman Cherner, Debra Chodash, Yola Dore,
Chuck Henry, Joel Ring, and Ann Semonco

ABSENT: Suzanne Dietrich

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the October 22nd meeting was approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 10th meeting were approved.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

Chairperson Cherner gave a welcome and introductory remarks.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Phyllis Coto encouraged people to support AB-649 for better services for people with developmental disabilities.

Daniel Tyler spoke about the ignorance and discrimination from businesses that he has encountered when trying to enter with his service dog.

9. BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

The Board members introduced themselves and spoke about their involvement in the DAB.

10. AWARDS:

Presentations were made to Howard Jacobs, Individual Award recipient, and to Partners Adult Day Health Care Center, Non-Profit Award recipient. Pavilions was awarded the Business Award but was unable to attend the meeting to accept the award.

11. STAFF COMMENTS:

Inna Epshteyn, Disability Specialist at the Community Center, spoke about the services that are offered to West Hollywood residents with disabilities.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Resolution on outdoor dining:

The DAB approved a resolution to ensure that outdoor dining does not impinge on the sidewalk for wheelchair access and that outdoor dining is accessible to people with disabilities. Jeanne Dobrin, a member of the public, also spoke in favor of the resolution.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. National Disability Mentoring Day: Ms. Isenberg reported on the successful Day with the participation of 12 mentees in various locations throughout the City. One of the mentees, Jordan Chinich, spoke about how comfortable he felt in his placement at West Hollywood City Hall, where people focus on abilities not disabilities.

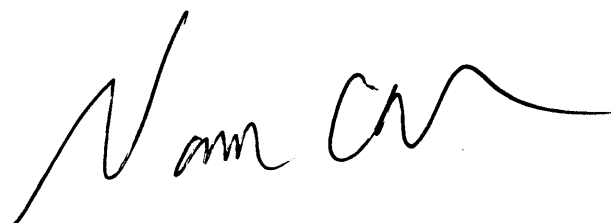
14. CLOSING SONG:

New Directions Choir sang "Ain't No Stopping Us Now" and then each member introduced himself and thanked the DAB for inviting them.

15.ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Cherner adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Plummer Park.**

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Norman Cherner,
CHAIRPERSON