

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2004**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Cherner called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Norman Cherner, Debra Chodash, Phyllis Coto, Bryan Dahlgren, Harrison Kline-Aguado, Anne Semonco

ABSENT: Jordan Chinich, Suzanne Dietrich, Joel Ring

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison Leslie Isenberg and Kim Patterson

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda of December 15, 2004 was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 17, 2004 meeting were approved with amendments.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Inna Khariton, Disability Specialist, provided the Board with program statistics and discussed upcoming events.

B. Leslie Isenberg reported that Tom Benedetti would like the DAB to submit the names and addresses of businesses that they feel are violating the public right-of-way by January 10, 2005. She also reported that Terri Slimmer was unable to attend the DAB meeting, but is preparing a report on pedestrian safety. Terri is requesting input from the Board, both the positives and negatives, on pedestrian life in West Hollywood (i.e. what works well, what does not for people with disabilities). The deadline to provide this information to Ms. Isenberg, who will pass it along to Terri Slimmer, is also January 10, 2005. Lastly, Ms. Isenberg asked the DAB to specify what topics of

hidden disabilities they would like to address. Diabetes, depression, and cerebral palsy were raised, and suggestions were made to define and prioritize the topics. It was decided that hidden disabilities will be placed on the January agenda.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS:

DAB members selected a board or commission to which they will be a liaison (see attached). Next month each will report on the meetings they attended:

B. PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY:

Chair Cherner requested that the DAB submit suggestions to him by January 10th about points to raise in his public right-of-way presentation at the Human Services Commission meeting in January.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

DAB members wished everyone happy holidays.

Vice-Chair Semonco reported that the Rapid bus from Pasadena to the Vine Street Station (#780) and to Culver City (#217) will begin on Monday morning. The limited line (#317) will be available on weekdays only. She also reported that she e-mailed Sam Baxter about the Fairfax and Santa Monica bus shelter.

Chair Cherner announced that The City of West Hollywood is one of six finalists for the National Organization of Disabilities Annual Award. The winner will be announced on December 23.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Cherner adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 7:34 p.m. to the holiday reception. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.



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Norman Cherner,
CHAIRPERSON