

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2003**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Ahern called the Meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ann Semonco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Ed Ahern, Michael Arrigo, Rob Bergstein, Norman Cherner, Yola Dore, Joel Ring and Ann Semonco

EXCUSED: Suzanne Dietrich

ALSO PRESENT:

Senior Advisory Board Liaison Alan Weber
Staff Liaisons Daphne Dennis and David Giugni

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved the Agenda of February 12, 2003.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved the amended minutes of November 13, 2002 and of December 11, 2002.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alan Weber, SAB liaison, announced that he is working on a project to supply clothing to counties in Africa where AIDS has become a major health crisis. He also announced that Being Alive is sponsoring a countywide effort to establish a Patient's Bill of Rights.

Rachel Bercovic, Director of JFS Nutrition, discussed the home-delivered meals program that is available for people with disabilities who are temporarily or permanently unable to leave their homes. The phone number to call for enrollment in the program is (323) 937-5843.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

David Giugni reported that he has contacted several companies, which provide real-time captioning services. Norman Cherner requested that a demonstration of the technology be arranged for the next DAB meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Decomposed Granite:** Kevin Trudeau of the Building and Maintenance Division discussed the use of decomposed granite in the City. He reported that the south parking lot at Plummer Park would be re-paved with a hard surface in the driving areas of the lot because the d-g there does not provide a satisfactory surface. D-g has been successful, in the City's view, in the landscaping uses where it has been installed. Board members discussed the use of d-g and debated whether it is an appropriate surface to use *anywhere*. The Board decided to table the resolution about the use of d-g to the next meeting.
- B. Social Service Presentations:** Daphne Dennis explained the process of social services agency presentations at Board meetings. The DAB will discuss this further at the next meeting.
- C. and D. Business Licenses and Building Permits:** Resolutions 03-01 and 03-02 urging that the issuance of business licenses and building permits be linked to ADA compliance were unanimously approved on a motion from Mr. Ring and a second from Mr. Bergstein.
- E. Access for people with disabilities to Christopher Street West parade and events:** Resolution 03-03 urging Disability Advisory Board participation in the planning for CSW events was unanimously approved on a motion from Mr. Bergstein and a second from Mr. Ring. Board members requested that City Special Events staff attend a DAB meeting to discuss CSW.

F. **Sister Cities:** Resolution 03-__ urging information sharing between Sister Cities on disability issues was tabled by the Board. It was suggested that a DAB member attend the next Sister City committee meeting.

G. **Library planning:** Resolution 03-04 urging that there be DAB representation on planning groups working on a new library for the City was unanimously approved on a motion from Mr. Cherner and a second from Ms. Dore.

H. **“Visions of West Hollywood” exhibit:** Resolution 03-__ urging participation by people with disabilities in the art exhibit was tabled by the Board to the next meeting pending more information about the show.

8. DISABILITY RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Members discussed the pros and cons of having time on the agenda for Board member open-ended discussion. Some members expressed the desire to limit member comments to announcements on disability-related issues. Others indicated an interest in retaining the more open-ended “comments” section of the agenda. Mr. Cherner’s moved to reinstate member comments. The vote was 2 in favor, 4 against, and 1 abstention. Members indicated an interest in discussing this further at the next meeting.

9. STAFF COMMENTS:

There were no staff comments.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was a request for Access Transportation Services to expand their services.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Ahern adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting in honor of Sugie, Ms. Dore’s pet companion, to the next meeting on **Wednesday, March 12, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center at Plummer Park.**

G: human/soc-svcs/misc/dab/minutes-0203

