

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
June 28, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Aguado called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Debra Chodash led the pledge.

3. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Norman Cherner, Debra Chodash, Bryan Dahlgren, Pamela Keevil-Grey, Harrison Kline-Aguado, PhD. and Tom Pavich

ABSENT: Suzanne Dietrich and Joel Ring

ALSO PRESENT: Daphne Dennis

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda of June 28, 2006 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of May 24, 2006 were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

7. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Daphne Dennis reminded the DAB that elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at the next meeting. She announced that there will be a 4th of July barbeque at Plummer Park. Mr. Cherner suggested that consideration be given to children with disabilities, and Ms. Dennis suggested that a staff person from Recreation address the DAB at a future meeting. She also announced that on July 11 at 6 pm at the Community Center at Plummer Park there will be a public hearing on social services programming.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. National Organization on Disabilities Award

The DAB discussed the suggestions submitted by members for use of the award monies. Two suggestions were adapted into resolutions that were passed. One motion was amended and passed stating that the DAB acknowledges the City's plan to install talking walk buttons at the La Cienega/Santa Monica intersection, as a step toward its goal at all traffic lights in the City. The Board urges the City Council and the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety to move

beyond the planning stages in expanding this program to Sierra Bonita/Santa Monica, Fairfax/Santa Monica, Crescent Heights/Santa Monica, and Robertson/Santa Monica. The other resolution states that the City of West Hollywood engage a full-time ADA compliance officer with the responsibility of ensuring compliance with the ADA and related California statutes on an on-going basis. The City has finally begun to investigate access in outdoor seating restaurants...why not all business?

This idea is really unique because the ADA is an unfunded mandate in that there are no Federal funds given for the enforcement. We have an opportunity to make headline news and hire a person who could oversee all access issues and assist in code enforcement, business licensing and plan approval regarding access issues. This person would be able to add conditions to plan approvals and Use Permits that would greatly improve access for everyone.

This is separate from the City's ADA coordinator which has more to do with the City as an employer. The item was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

B. Draft ADA Resolution

After discussion, the Board passed the resolution. Ms. Dennis will take the resolution and the transcript of the discussion to the City Attorney.

C. Forms for Disability Service Awards

The Board approved the proposed rules and nomination forms for the Disability Service Awards, with the addition of a new award category: The Media Award to be presented to an individual, business or organization that by deed or example has raised positive public awareness of the disabled community and its accomplishments.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Partners Adult Day Health Care

Rachel Bauer, a social worker at Partners, introduced their comprehensive programs to the Board and encouraged collaborating with the DAB to attract more clients.

B. Christopher Street West Update

Due to a lack of time, this item was tabled.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Chair Aguado reported that he's been in contact with Terri Slimmer of the City's Transportation Division on ADA compliance in regard to a variety of curb cuts on sidewalks for wheelchair access, and with Kristin Cook of the Public Safety Division

about sting operations and enforcement of violations of pedestrian right-of-way in West Hollywood crosswalks. There is continued investigation of both of these projects.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Aguado adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Conference Room, City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.

G: human/soc-svcs/misc/Disabilities Advisory Board/minutes/062806

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