

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2005**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kline-Aguado, PhD. called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

There was no pledge due to the lack of a flag in RSD.

3. ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Debra Chodash, Suzanne Dietrich and Joel Ring

ALSO PRESENT: Leslie Isenberg and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda of November 16, 2005 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 26, 2005 meeting were approved with amendments.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

7. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Community Survey Focus Group

Leslie Isenberg announced the City's plan to develop an updated needs assessment which will include 4,000 surveys to random household, individual stakeholder interviews, and focus groups. The DAB has been selected as a focus group and will be interviewed at the January meeting.

B. Consent Calendar Items

Ms. Isenberg said that there will be two items from the DAB on support for veterans and sidewalk safety on the Consent Calendar at the Dec. 5 Council meeting.

C. Update on Eyeglass Collection Program

She also announced that on Monday, Nov. 21, there will be a meeting with the Lions Club to discuss the City's involvement in their eyeglass collection program for the needy.

D. Other

She added that the City is moving forward to provide a large screen TV at Council meetings for the sight-impaired.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Evaluation of October Televised Meeting

The DAB was very pleased with the October meeting. Ms. Keevil-Grey would have liked to hear more from the singers of New Directions. Mr. Dahlgren would like to make sure that there is a business that receives a Disabilities Service award next year. Chairperson Aguado, PhD pointed to an awkwardness during the presentations, and Ms. Isenberg said that she could hand the different awards to the presenters for ease of movement. Mr. Pavich suggested that the staff table be angled in such a way as to make visibility of staff to the DAB more direct, so they don't present their profiles to the audience.

B. UPDATES TO DISABILITY SERVICES BROCHURE:

Suggestions were made to improve the brochure, including adding TTY numbers for different agencies, adding items listed in the introduction from the National Organization of Disabilities application that highlight the City's accomplishment in regard to the disabled, changing the Public Safety heading to Emergency Preparedness, and including the City staff's contact information.

C. REAL TIME CAPTIONING OF ALL TELEVISED MEETINGS AND LOCALLY PRODUCED TV PROGRAMS:

The DAB unanimously approved a motion to request the City Council provide real time captioning for all televised public meetings of a City Commission or Board, and closed captioning for all locally produced programs on CityChannel 10.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Cherner announced the World AIDS Day march and awards ceremony on Dec. 1. He offered kudos to the City for signage concerning bicycles on sidewalks. He read in the West Hollywood News that some merchants aren't pleased with the enforcement of laws prohibiting certain signage on sidewalks, and he suggested that this is an opportunity to educate them on the importance of these regulations. He suggested that a speaker from the Chamber of Commerce be invited to the DAB, and perhaps they could offer an ability awareness seminar. In addition, he listed eight items which have been tabled previously to which he would like to return. He reminded the DAB that in January an evaluation of the rules of the DAB awards needs to be made. Lastly, he suggested that at the next Kids' Fair that consideration be given for accessibility and particular items of interest for children with special needs.

Chairperson Aguado, PhD announced an emergency response meeting on Nov. 30 at Steven Wise Temple. He also urged all DAB members to bring issues of import to the disabled community to be agendized for future meetings.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Kline-Aguado, PhD adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Conference Room, City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.

DAB Chair Harrison Kline-
Aguado, PhD

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