

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 23, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tom Pavich called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steven Sawyer led the pledge.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Suzanne Dietrich, Tom Pavich, Steven Sawyer Anna Swett and
Rick Watts

ABSENT: Debra Chodash and Joel Ring

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for April 23, 2008 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for March 26, 2008 were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Link Schrader introduced himself as a West Hollywood resident who's recently applied to join the DAB. He is a special education teacher and a lawyer who has a brother living with disability.

Phyllis Coto, former DAB member, invited everyone to the Festival of Recovery where she would be speaking about mental health recovery.

Don Norte, City employee, encouraged the DAB to see a new play called "The History of Bowling" at the North Hollywood Arts Center. It is a love story between two wheelchair-bound people and was written by a person living with disabilities.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Francie Stefan, Senior Planner gave an overview of the General Plan, a long-term policy document required by the State to manage City resources. The goal is to make the document shorter and more user-friendly. It will be completed in two years with three main phases; community input will be critical throughout. The next community fair will be held in the fall.

B. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Joyce Rooney, Transportation and Transit Operations Supervisor, explained the various transportation services for City residents, including Dial-a-Ride vans, City Line buses, senior and disabled bus pass subsidies, taxi coupons, and taxi vouchers. Access Services is a county program for those who are ADA eligible.