

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
August 22, 2007**

1. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER:

Councilman Jeffrey Prang swore in Anna Swett as a new member of the Disabilities Advisory Board.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Debra Chodash led the pledge.

4. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Debra Chodash, Suzanne Dietrich, Tom Pavich, Joel Ring, Steven Sawyer, Anna Swett and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Alan Bernstein

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea and Kim Patterson

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda for August 22, 2007 was approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for July 25, 2007 were approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Sam Borelli of the Public Safety Commission made a presentation about Emergency Preparedness Month in September. He distributed the brochure "Live, Work, Play, Be Safe!" and encouraged the Board to educate themselves and their neighbors about emergency preparedness.

B. ORGANIZATION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DAB

After a brief discussion, this item was tabled for the Sept. 26, 2007 meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Disability Service Awards

The service award nomination forms were distributed to the DAB. Nominations must be submitted by Sept. 17, 2007.

B. OCTOBER 24, 2007 TELEVISED MEETING

The DAB agreed to change the starting time from 6:30 pm to 6 pm to accommodate City Councilmember's schedules. They also agreed to have two presentations, one from Lanterman Foundation on developmental disabilities and one from the City's Public Safety Division on Emergency Preparedness. They agreed to invite the L.A. Gay Men's Chorus to provide the cultural component of the meeting. The agenda will include a 15-minute awards presentation, opening remarks from the Mayor and DAB, 2 songs, and staff comments.

10. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Craig Rhea made the following announcements:

A. Transportation Issues

- Bicycles on Sidewalks – Under discussion by Transportation Commission. The Eastside Project Advisory Committee is taking public comments at their meeting on Tues, 8/28/07, 6:30pm at Plummer Park.
- Terri Slimmer is scheduled to come to the DAB on 9/26 to give an update on the crosswalk policy; currently being reviewed by the City Attorney and Transportation Division staff. Rick Watts asked that the Fire Captain from Station 8 also be invited to address this issue.

B. Disability Mentoring Day – Wed, 10/17/07

- We're looking for residents of West Hollywood who are living with a disability to participate as mentees that day.
- Primarily involves shadowing a mentor in a field they're interested in for 2-3 hours in the morning.

C. Emergency Preparedness

- www.ready.gov or (800) BE-READY
- Checklist for Emergency Supply Kits
- Template for Family Emergency Plan
- 5-minute videos on the website about emergency preparedness: 1 for People Living with Disabilities, 1 for Seniors, and 1 for people with animals.

D. Events

- **Thurs, 8/23/07, 6-9pm** – LA Art Association and the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation present: Access & Opportunity for Artists Challenged with Paralysis and Spinal Cord Injury – 825 N. La Cienega Blvd.
- **Thurs, 8/23/07 @ 3pm** – 800-801 Kings Road &
- **Thurs, 8/30/07 @ 3pm** – 838 West Knoll – Senior Safety meetings with the Public Safety Division and the Fire Dept re emergency preparedness and fire safety.
- **Wed, 8/29/07, 7pm** – NCJW – Free screening of "Cargo" about human trafficking.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Arrigo, Eastside PAC member, announced the upcoming Accessible City Expo. He also encouraged the DAB to work closely with the PAC on the West Hollywood

Community Housing Corporation's Sierra Bonita housing project. Lastly, he suggested that interested parties contact him or Access Services about transportation options if they are ineligible for Access Services, and to call the customer services line for complaints.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Chair Pavich announced that there was no Human Services Commission meeting in August.

Ms. Dietrich reported on the SAB meeting which included a field trip to the new Gay & Lesbian Elder Housing building in Hollywood. She also announced that the PAC meeting was moved to next week.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Pavich adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 8:22 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Conference Room of City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA.

Tom Pavich

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