

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
May 28, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tom Pavich called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steven Sawyer led the pledge.

3. SWEARING-IN OF LINK SCHRADER

Councilmember John Duran introduced and swore in Link Schrader as the newest member of the Disabilities Advisory Board.

4. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom Pavich, Joel Ring, Steven Sawyer, Link Schrader, Anna Swett and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Debra Chodash and Suzanne Dietrich

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Rhea and Kim Patterson

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for May 28, 2008 was approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for April 23, 2008 were approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN

Jeffrey Huffer, Economic Development Project Administrator, outlined plans for the implementation of Phase 1 of the West Hollywood Park Master Plan, focusing on the exciting plans for the library. He solicited input about the use of the DAB's \$20,000 award from the National Organization on Disability, a discussion which was tabled until further details are available about the use of City and County funds for the library so as to best allocate those monies. Mr. Huffer will continue to provide future updates about the library project to the Board in the future.

B. EL TOVAR PARKING LOT

The DAB discussed and raised several questions regarding Parking Manager Jackie Rocco's response to the Council directive about parking at the City's El Tovar lot for people with disability parking placards. The Board decided to agendize this item to a future meeting when Ms. Rocco would be able to address the Board.

C. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The DAB discussed the publication, "Emergency Preparedness: Taking Responsibility for Your Safety. *Tips for People with Disabilities and Activity Limitations.*" Suggestions included:

- making it more West Hollywood specific;
- including information for caregivers and neighbors;
- making it available for distribution through the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center; and
- adding a link to www.espfocus.org on the City's website.

The Board asked that Kristin Cook, Public Safety Manager, be invited to a future DAB meeting to discuss this.

D. ORGANIZATION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

With the addition of Link Schrader to the DAB, the Board decided to keep the number of board members to nine, rather than reduce it to seven.

9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board decided not to meet in June and to adjourn to the July 23rd meeting. There will be elections for Chair and Vice Chair at the July meeting.

Craig Rhea reported that the Senior Health Fair was a huge success, with over 500 participants, and he thanked Anna Swett and Rick Watts for staffing the DAB booth.

He announced that Christopher Street West will be held June 6-8 at West Hollywood Park.

He reported that Capt. Penn of the L.A. County Fire Department is retiring in September, but wants to meet with staff before then to follow up on the issues raised by the Board at its July 2007 meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES

Link Schrader thanked the DAB for its work and said that he preferred the set-up at this meeting which provided better viewing by the audience of the proceedings.

Anna Swett invited everyone to a dessert reception on Saturday to celebrate her and others' birthdays.

Tom Pavich said that he didn't attend the Human Services Commission meeting in May.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pavich adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 6:00pm in the first floor Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

Tom Pavich

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