

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
July 26, 2006**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Aguado called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Bryan Dahlgren led the pledge.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Bryan Dahlgren, Suzanne Dietrich, Pamela Keevil-Grey, Harrison Kline-Aguado, PhD., Tom Pavich and Joel Ring

ABSENT: Norman Cherner and Debra Chodash

*ALSO PRESENT: Leslie Isenberg, Kim Patterson and Paul Sanchez*

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda of July 26, 2006 was approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of June 28, 2006 were approved as amended.

**6. ELECTIONS:**

Suzanne Dietrich was elected as Chair and Pamela Keevil-Grey as Vice-Chair.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Michael Arrigo, former DAB member, encouraged the Board to support talking intersections. He also recommended the Clementines for entertainment for the October televised meeting. They are a group of four singing sisters who will be performing at the Braille Institute's annual event on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Isenberg read a memo from Tom Benedetti, Code Compliance Manager, stating that all 18 businesses that were audited for outdoor dining accessibility are in complete compliance.

She also announced that the next Annual Congress of Boards and Commissions will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8 am – 2 pm at the Bel Age Hotel.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. National Organization on Disabilities Award**

After discussion of various proposals, the DAB approved a motion to designate the \$20,000 prize money toward enhancing library services for

the disabled community upon completion of the new West Hollywood Library.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Sunset Landmarks**

Jeffrey Huffer of Economic Development made a presentation to the Board at the request of Council regarding the plans for landmark devices to memorialize the history of the Sunset Strip. It was suggested that a prototype outlining accessibility requirements be included in the RFP.

**B. Christopher Street West Update**

This item was tabled until the Board can review an updated staff report.

**C. October Televised Meeting**

After discussion, the Board amended the Disability Service Award nomination form to indicate a preference for e-mailed or typed nominations. A suggestion was made to focus on a current topic like the Iraq War veterans. The Board will continue to discuss this and other ideas in future meetings.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Chair Dietrich drew attention to the change in the new taxi coupon books with a new limit of \$12/ride as opposed to the previous \$8. She also reported that there was no PAC meeting this month.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Dietrich adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 7:50 p.m. in memory of Debra Chodash's mother. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Conference Room, City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.

*Suzanne Dietrich*  
Suzanne Dietrich, Board Member