

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2005**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kline-Aguado, PhD. called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Jordan Chinich led the Pledge.

3. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Norman Cherner, Jordan Chinich, Debra Chodash, Suzanne Dietrich, Bryan Dahlgren, Harrison Kline-Aguado, PhD., and Joel Ring

ABSENT: Pamela Keevil-Grey and Tom Pavich

ALSO PRESENT: Leslie Isenberg and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda of September 28, 2005 was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 24, 2005 meeting were approved with a correction for #11 – Board Member Comments.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Yola Dore, former DAB member, nominated Janine McDonough, cancer survivor and one of the founders of Positive Image of the City of Hope, for a DAB award.

7. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Isenberg announced the Oct. 7 deadline for the Oct. 19 Disability Mentoring Day. She distributed the Disability Service Award postcards and the Healthy West Hollywood calendar. She gave an update on the HOPWA Subsidy Housing which will be agendized for the Oct. 17 Council meeting. Lastly, she reported that she wasn't able to follow-up on a decal program in Indiana.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. ACCESSIBLE AMERICA COMPETITION 2005:

After discussing whether West Hollywood should apply this year, the Board made suggestions for changes that Ms. Isenberg may integrate into the new application.

B. OCTOBER TELEVISED MEETING AGENDA:

Several Action Items were added to the agenda, and seating changes for easier access to the podium were raised.

C. COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL CONGRESS:

Minor changes were suggested for the trivia questions and will be submitted to the City Clerk.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2005 DISABILITY SERVICE AWARDS:

After discussion of changes to the application, Janine McDonough was chosen for the individual award, and the Center for the Partially Sighted was selected for the non-profit category. There were no nominations for the business category this year.

B. UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

The November meeting will be rescheduled to Nov. 16th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, and the December meeting is cancelled.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Yola Dore thanked the DAB for the selection of Janine McDonough for the 2005 Disability Service Award. She also suggested that in the wake of the hurricanes that the DAB discuss public safety and the disabled.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON UPDATES:

Mr. Cherner requested to move from being liaison of the Russian Advisory Board to Public Facilities. He also requested that an item on code enforcement be agendized for the November meeting. He reported that he met with Kristen Cook and Shirley Berry to discuss emergency preparation for the disabled. He encouraged every DAB member to speak with them.

Mr. Ring suggested that the DAB agendize an item to request that City Council fund emergency preparation for the disabled.

Ms. Chodash recommended that everyone register with the Fire Department so they are aware of special needs in the event of an emergency.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Kline-Aguado, PhD. adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.

G: human/soc-svcs/misc/Disabilities Advisory Board/minutes/092805

Suzanne Dietrich
Suzanne Dietrich, Board Member