

WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 1996

WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Member Enokian led the pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
 - PRESENT: Advisory Members - Barrios, Enokian, Vice Chair Hamlett, Vega, Von Douris, Ex-Officio Member Mackler and Chair Gradinger.
 - ALSO PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Makinney and Deputy Clerk Gillig.
 - ABSENT: Advisory Members - Siegel, Brodie, Taylor and Ex-Officio Member Horne.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of Wednesday, January 10, 1996.
Moted by Member Von Douris, seconded by Member Hamlett and unanimously carried.

5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

TIPPEY KELLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the urgency about re-contractual situations coming up in July 1996. She suggested a sub-committee should go in-depth to see how much it is going to cost and how much could be saved. She also commented on the traffic signal times, stating extra time should be allowed for the disabled and elderly to get across the street and the handicap entrances to the sidewalks need to be more accessible.

COLLEEN WALSH, WEST HOLLYWOOD requested information on requesting disabled parking space in front of a private residence.

MICHAEL AUSTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD commented on the West Hollywood World Wide Home Page relative to budget and services for people with disabilities. He could not easily find

information regarding disability services and suggested the Disability Advisory Council get more involved in supplementing the West Hollywood World Wide Home Page with resources, E-Mail etc.

6. STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. *JODI CURLEE*, SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, commented on community outreach; she suggested taking a closer look at identifying other disabled members in the community, in terms of accessing services and getting people involved. She had a meeting with Member Taylor to discuss a retreat for the Disabilities Advisory Members and he felt that it would be helpful to bring somebody in to do disability training. Member Taylor requested discussion about the Housing Corporation and some type of survey which would include a needs assessment and satisfaction with services survey.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TAXI COUPON PROGRAM - STAFF REPORT ON ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

Lucy Dyke, Transportation and Transit Manager provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 14, 1996.

8. NEW BUSINESS: None

9. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

Member Enokian commented on "curb cutouts".

Member Hamlett suggested focusing on our community base and not get too involved with county, state or federal issues. He also suggested advocacy and more presentations on special events.

Member Von Douris indicated he would like to see future meetings dealing with sub-committees, ADA compliance, employment, Rent Stabilization, access housing, community services, transportation and the West Hollywood Advisory Council awards dinner. He also requested that Community Development be brought back for further

discussions; the banking commission be brought in; an ordinance be developed by the City Attorney for off-street, residential and business parking and discussions be held regarding the MTA and bus passes for the disabled.

Ex-Officio member Mackler indicated he would like to see better public relations and some type of campaign in regards to what type of services are offered to the disabled. He also suggested an advocacy program relative to government services.

Assistant City Manager Makinney suggested a presentation about the Brown Act and additional discussions on blue curbing, City facility accessibility, City meeting accommodations, transportation options and affordable housing for disabled persons.

Member Barrios also would like to see an advocacy program developed for people who are disabled in receiving their city rights, re: tenant rights, etc.

Member Vega suggested calling the Transportation Department to request a ride to the Disability Advisory Council meetings.

In response to an inquiry from Member Von Douris, Assistant City Manager Makinney stated he will submit a request for funds for the Disabilities Advisory Council in the next budget.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT AGENDA:

MARCH AGENDA

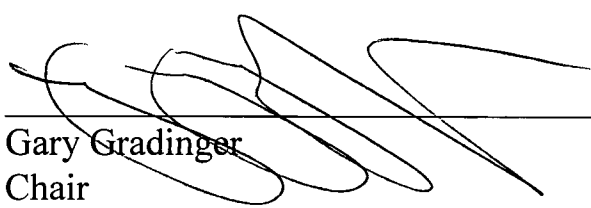
By consensus, the Advisory Members agreed to hear more on the following:

- Transportation and West Hollywood Taxi Coupon Program.
- A presentation and discussion regarding the Brown Act.
- The status of the Housing Sub-Committee should be reported on at the next meeting in March to be followed by a possible presentation on the April or May agenda.

OTHER FUTURE AGENDAS:

- A presentation from Christopher Street West on the April agenda.
- A presentation from Employ America on the April agenda.
- A discussion about outreach, City meeting accommodations, issues that revolve around City Hall and the programs in City Hall for the April agenda.
- Disability parking (blue curb, on/off street parking) on either the April or May agenda.

11. ADJOURN: The Disabilities Advisory Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to their next regular meeting to be held on March 13, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.



Gary Gradinger
Chair

ATTEST:



David Gillig
Acting Recording Secretary