

# WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

## MINUTES MARCH 12, 1997 CITY HALL

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Gary Gradinger.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
  - PRESENT: Advisory Councilmembers: Aizenman, Gradinger, Harrison, Kelley, Siegel, Von Douris, Vice-Chair Komac and Chair Enokian.
  - ALSO PRESENT: Co-Liasons Reynolds and Springer, Disabilities Specialist Stone and Deputy Clerk Gillig.
  - ABSENT: None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of Wednesday, February 12, 1997.

Motion by Von Douris, seconded by Komac and unanimously carried.

5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None
6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

A. **CENTURY CABLE TELEVISION**  
*(Helen Goss, Public Information Officer/CATV Manager)*

Co-Liason Reynolds announced that Helen Goss was unable to attend due to the Budget Community Forums that requires her attendance, but stated that she will be attending the meeting in April.

Reynolds stated that Goss will be forming a sub-committee to work on the Cable Franchise Agreement and will be seeking volunteers.

Reynolds noted that the DAC's "Curb-Cut" Item will be appearing on the City Council Agenda to be held at the regular City Council Meeting on Monday, March 17th as Item 2.L. and encouraged everyone to appear before the City Council to speak in favor of their Item.

Vice-Chair Komac voiced her concerns over the "Curb-Cut" Items once again and the majority consensus of the DAC was that this item has already been reviewed, voted on and needs no further discussion.

Newly elected Councilmember Jeff Prang made a brief appearance, introduced himself and stated his objectives and concerns for the Disabilities Advisory Council.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. PUBLIC FORUM

*(Irving Harrison, DAC Member)*

*(Kathryn Reynolds & Tamar Springer)*

Various and numerous items and concerns were voiced during this Item; including transportation issues; to and from the Public Forum, speakers (which staff was directed to research), location, publicity, the senior community, items of discussion, refreshments, time and date and the following the action taken:

A unanimous suggestion was recommended that the Public Forum be held at West Hollywood Park on a tentative date of Sunday, July 13, 1997 between the hours of 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

9. **DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Member Harrison had 3 suggestions:

- more painted cross-walks
- walk signals should be extended by at least 10-15 seconds
- Council meetings have sign interpreters on televised Council Meetings

A discussion took place regarding sign language and closed captioning.

Member Kelley requested specifically that a painted crosswalk be installed at Santa Monica Boulevard and Harper.

Member Gradinger reminded DAC members that "Councilmember Comments" are strictly for discussion, no action can be taken under this Agenda Item.

Member Von Douris suggested that the DAC Meetings meet for at least 1 hour, 45 minutes and also recommended a retreat once a year.

Co-Liason Springer will check into the By-Laws of the Disabilities Advisory Council on the specific time restraints for this Commission and check with other staff regarding a retreat.

Member Siegel commented he would like to see an Agenda Item in the future on ADA Compliance, and would like to know what is being done in the community.

Springer suggested that DAC Members bring in written concerns at the April, 1997 meeting regarding the ADA , which will then give staff time to construct a report.

Von Douris stated that if DAC is going to comply with ADA that sub-committees be set-up and that DAC members be a part of the process.

Chair Enokian stated that he made a brief statement at Abbe Land's going away party.

#### **10. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT AGENDA:**

##### **◆ STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Century Cable  
*(Helen Goss)*

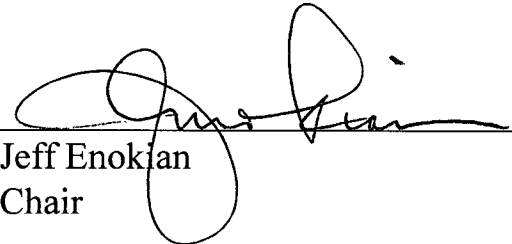
##### **◆ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

La Cienega Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard Audible Crosswalk  
*(Frida Aizenman)*

ADA written concerns from Councilmembers will be submitted to staff.

Siegel directed staff to schedule ADA Compliance for May, 1997 DAC Meeting.

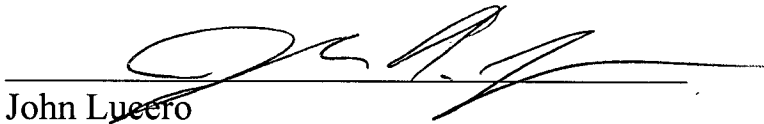
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Council adjourned at 7: 30 p.m. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, April 9, 1997** at 6:00 p.m. in the Rent Stabilization Hearings Room at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.



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Jeff Enokian  
Chair

ATTEST:



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John Lucero  
Recording Secretary