

WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MARCH 13, 1996

6:00 P.M.

WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD.
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Advisory Councilmember Enokian.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT: Advisory Councilmember - Enokian, Vice Chair Hamlett, Advisory Councilmembers Siegel, Taylor, Vega, Von Douris and Chair Gradinger.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of Wednesday, February 14, 1996. Chair Gradinger noted that discussion of outreach, City meeting accommodations and City programs will be on the May agenda not the April agenda as was indicated in the February Minutes. Motion to approve with the correction Von Douris, seconded Siegel.
5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None.
6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**
Monica Stone, Disabilities Services Specialist, announced the Disabilities Employment Conference to be held on April 2nd at Plummer Park.

Chair Gradinger distributed a list of potential agenda items for future meetings.
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. *Vivian Love* - Presentation & Discussion Regarding the Brown Act:

City Clerk Love presented a summary of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The state legislation requires that all meetings and actions of a local legislative body be open and public. She stressed, among other points, that discussion of items, other than those on the posted agenda for each meeting constitutes a violation of the Brown Act.

On another topic, City Clerk Love stated that the Disabilities Advisory Council has no filing requirements under the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. *Charlie Makinney* - City of West Hollywood Specialized Transit Programs:

Assistant City Manager Makinney provided a written synopsis of the City's various transportation programs. He suggested that a transportation subcommittee be formed to work with both the Human Services and Transportation departments.

Jodi Curlee, Social Services Administrator, stated that there is some overlap between those who use dial-a-ride and the taxi coupon programs. These programs are useful for those who have difficulty using MTA or Cityline.

Assistant City Manager Makinney added that the taxi coupon program should be viewed as a safety net for other transportation programs.

Advisory Councilmember Taylor stated that heart and respiratory disabilities are not included in the list of eligibility criteria.

Chair Gradinger stated that these disabilities are among the most difficult to verify.

By consensus, a subcommittee was formed comprised of Advisory Councilmembers Enokian, Hamlett, Siegel and Vega to address transportation issues with regard to the disabled.

Assistant City Manager Makinney suggested that discussion resume on this item at the May meeting.

B. Housing Subcommittee Status:

Advisory Councilmember Taylor distributed a progress report on the Housing Subcommittee. He presented a number of recommendations: 1) A community survey to identify those with disabilities throughout the City; 2) A DAC member participate in the City's new Housing Task Force; 3) Allyne Winderman, Housing Manager, meet with DAC to present various housing opportunities for the disabled; and, 4) West Hollywood Housing Corporation also do a presentation for DAC.

Assistant City Manager Makinney stated that if the City Council approves the Housing Task Force, a DAC member will be asked to be on it. He also stated that the Task Force will be initiated possibly in May or June and continuing for approximately six to eight months.

Advisory Councilmember Taylor resigned from the Housing Subcommittee.

9. DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

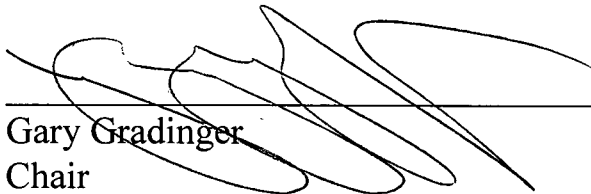
Advisory Councilmember Von Douris commented on the upcoming Christopher Street West Festival.

Chair Gradinger requested that the language on each DAC agenda be clarified to reflect that forms of special assistance in addition to transportation may be requested for DAC meetings.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT AGENDA:

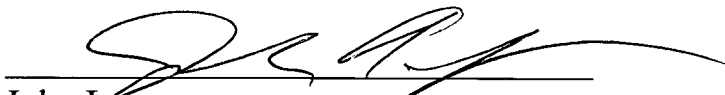
Chair Gradinger suggested asking Allyne Winderman and a representative from the West Hollywood Housing Corporation to speak at a future meeting. He also suggested that before this future meeting Advisory Councilmembers Vega and Von Douris meet and amend in writing Advisory Councilmember Taylor's housing report and circulate the amendments to DAC.

11. **ADJOURN:** The Disabilities Advisory Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to their next regular meeting to be held on April 10, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.



Gary Gradinger
Chair

ATTEST:



John Lucero
Recording Secretary