

**WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 14, 1997**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Chair Enokian.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
 - PRESENT: Advisory Councilmembers Harrison, Kelley, Siegel, Von Douris, Vice-Chair Komac, and Chair Enokian.
 - ALSO PRESENT: Ex-Officio Member Horne, Co-Liaisons Reynolds and Springer, Disabilities Specialist Stone and Deputy Clerk Lucero.
 - ABSENT: Advisory Councilmember Gradinger.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of Wednesday, April 9, 1997. Motion Von Douris, seconded with modifications, Komac and unanimously approved.

Councilmember Prang addressed the DAC. He would like a more substantial role for the Advisory Council with regard to planning issues. He suggested DAC work with the Community Development Department and with the Project Area Committee to address needs of the disabled in conjunction with redevelopment of the City's east side. Councilmember Prang further stated that it is well within the scope of the DAC to be briefed by staff on relevant issues regarding the disabled. At this point, Councilmember Prang took questions from the DAC:

Harrison announced the upcoming DAC public forum.

Councilmember Prang suggested having the forum in October, during Disabilities Awareness Month for maximum exposure. He elaborated that the event may be televised.

5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

DONNA VEGA, WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke regarding the expanded criteria for receipt of taxi coupon vouchers. She feels there should be an appeals process if a disabled person is denied coupons.

Komac would like to see the criteria expanded, however, she does not feel that this has occurred. She believes that all disabled should be eligible for the coupons.

6. STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. RESCHEDULING OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL PUBLIC FORUM:

(Charlie Makinney, City Manager)

Kathryn Reynolds stated, per the suggestion of Charlie Makinney, that the forum be held in October, during disabilities awareness month.

Motion Harrison, seconded Komac to reschedule the forum.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. AUDIBLE CROSSWALK - SANTA MONICA & LA CIENEGA:

(Peter Wolff, Associate Transportation Engineer)

This item was tabled due to the absence of Peter Wolff.

B. ACCESS TO THE DISABLED - NIGHTCLUBS & NEW CONSTRUCTION:

(Brent Mullins, Code Compliance Manager)

(Liz Bar-El, Assistant Planner)

Brent Mullins took questions from DAC:

Komac inquired as to whether nightclubs can be required to provide access to the disabled.

Mr. Mullins replied that new construction and substantial alterations to existing buildings must provide access to the disabled.

However, Mr. Mullins stated that the City cannot enforce the ADA (a federal law) but does enforce relevant California codes.

Siegel inquired as to whether the 24 Hour Fitness will be required to have access to the disabled.

Mr. Mullins replied that improved access to the disabled would depend on whether the rehabilitation is structural or purely cosmetic.

Harrison inquired as to rehabilitation of HUD structures and Von Douris further commented on disabilities access at 24 Hour Fitness.

C. SAMPLE COMMENDATION TO FORMER COUNCILMEMBER ABBE LAND AND FORMER DEPUTY DEANNA STEVENSON:

By consensus the DAC approved the sample commendations.

D. HOUSING ISSUES - SENSITIVITIES TO THE DISABLED:
(Rev. John Von Douris, DAC Member)

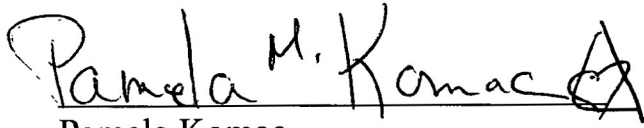
Rev. Von Douris deferred to Kathryn Reynolds.

Ms. Reynolds stated that Hal Cronkite, Director of Rent Stabilization, does not feel that there is a relocation assistance housing trust fund as the one mentioned in the staff report.

Mr. Mullins added that he does not know of such a fund.

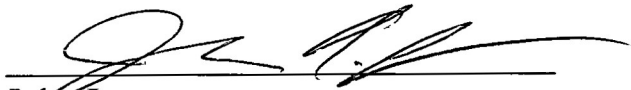
Ms. Reynolds announced that a suspicious package was found at the entrance to City Hall. We were asked to end the meeting and immediately evacuate the building.

ADJOURNMENT: The Disabilities Advisory Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, June 11, 1997** at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela M. Komac" followed by a stylized flourish.

Pamela Komac
Acting Chair

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "John Lucero" with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

John Lucero
Recording Secretary