

WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JUNE 12, 1996

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Grading.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Tippi Kelley led the pledge.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Advisory Members - Vice Chair Hamlett, Von Douris, Kelley, Siegel and Chair Grading.

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Makinney and Deputy Clerk Gillig.

ABSENT: Advisory Members - Enokian, Barrios and Ex-Officio Members Horne and Mackler.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW ADVISORY MEMBER

TIPPI KELLEY: Deputy Clerk Gillig performed the Oath of Office.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of Wednesday, April 10, 1996. Motion Siegel, seconded Grading and unanimously carried.

5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

REVEREND COLLEEN WALSH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the Pride Festival in Long Beach, California regarding disabled and handicapped services.

DONNA VEGA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated she would like more information on statistics for City Line and questioned the Beverly Hills newspaper for reporting that the City Council was reducing City Line and Dial-A-Ride services.

6. STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. DISABILITY SERVICES BROCHURE:

TAMAR SPRINGER, Social Services Program Specialist, provided background information and gave a brief overview of the brochure that Advisory Members received in their packets. She informed Advisory Members that today was the last call for suggestions and was open for questions.

Ms. Springer commented that the final brochure should be realistically ready in about six weeks for distribution, though no formal distribution plan has been acknowledged.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. TAXI COUPON PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

JOYCE ROONEY, Acting Manager for Transportation Department (Associate Transportation Planner), provided a handout to Advisory Members regarding West Hollywood Transportation Services for the disabled.

Ms. Rooney addressed the problem with "user fraud" cost reduction measures and actual eligibility. She also commented on cost to the City, which was closely scrutinized by Advisory Members who asked that she return at a later date with revised figures.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION/PUBLICITY - DAC ACTIVITIES:

HELEN GOSS, PIO/CATV Manager, provided a brief overview on the Public Information Division that includes cable television, integrates outreach on public cable for staff resources, publishes a monthly calendar of events, a monthly newsletter that is mailed to the community and to key members of the media as well as bi-weekly news shows and special programs including live forums and an employment bulletin board.

Ms. Goss suggested that Advisory Members bring their ideas for Public Information/Outreach to her attention for analysis and feasibility.

Closed Captioning was mentioned as an alternative, although cost was a major issue.

B. CITY MEETING & FACILITIES ACCESS:

Charlie Makinney, Assistant City Manager, commented that the City budgeted \$35,000 last year for improvements on retro modifications in the Werle Building, purchased and upgraded the public address system for Plummer Park, Fiesta Hall, West Hollywood Park Auditorium and the Werle Building. The City also purchased and installed an improved sound system for the Community Conference Room in City Hall and also acquired disabled-accessible picnic tables for West Hollywood Park.

This current year the City acquired automatic door openers for the rear of City Hall. The front doors will be automated once the Fiscal Year 1996-97 budget is approved by the City Council.

In addition, Mr. Makinney reported that the City acquired TDD and TTY equipment for all of City Hall and is in the process of ordering TTY public telephones for West Hollywood Park, Plummer Park, City Hall and the Werle Building.

Mr. Makinney stated the City recently purchased "assisted listening devices," and converted West Hollywood Park Auditorium restrooms to disabled public access.

The DAC was notified that staff requested the budget for Fiscal Year 1996-97 increased to \$48,000 for additional modifications for the disabled.

9. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADVISORY MEMBER VON DOURIS requested that Christopher Street West be brought in after the festival to comment on disability access during the festivities.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MAKINNEY distributed a 'sample' work plan that the City Council would like the Disabilities Advisory Council to adopt and submit to the City Council for approval.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT AGENDA:

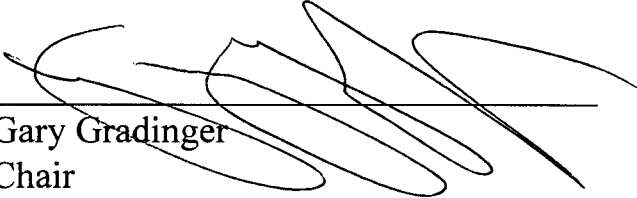
NEW BUSINESS:

Disabled Parking Policy (Department of Transportation)
DAC Work Plan Development Strategy
Housing Advocacy Training Program (Westside Center for
Independent Living)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

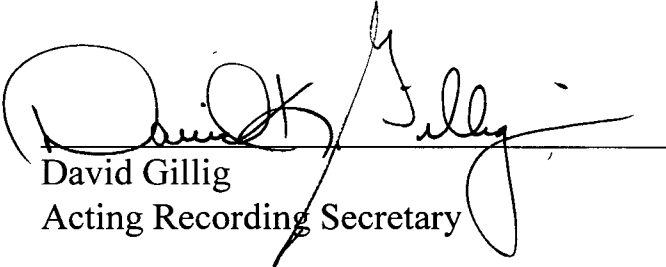
Report on CSW Festival's Disability Accommodations (CSW)

- 11. ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on July 10, 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