

WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES JANUARY 8, 1997 CITY HALL

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Vice-Chair Komac.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Advisory Councilmembers Aizenman, 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: Advisory Councilmembers Gradinger and Hamlett.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of Wednesday, December 11, 1996 with the following amendments.

Amend Roll Call to include Member Kelley, Co-Liason Springer and Disabilities Specialists Monica Stone.

Motion by Member Von Douris, seconded by Member Kelley and unanimously carried.

5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Disabilities Specialist Stone commented that beginning February 4, 1997 she will be starting a "Strokes Department", that will be meeting every other Tuesday from 12:30p.m. to 1:45p.m. at the Partners Adult Day Health Care Center. She will pass out flyers at the next DAC Meeting.

6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. **TRANSPORTATION ISSUES:**

(Sharon Perlstein, City Engineer)

1. *Audible Pedestrian Signals*

Sharon Perlstein indicated that several months ago a staff report was included in a DAC Agenda regarding the Audible Pedestrian Signals. She

stated that the City of West Hollywood considers Santa Monica Blvd. a "challenge" because it is owned by Cal Trans at this time. If the City of West Hollywood takes over the roadway there will be a major rehabilitation project regarding that roadway, including median crossings.

Member Aizenman questioned if one of the solutions to the problem could be if "warning strips" could be placed on the ground; much like the MTA has done around the subway stations.

Member Harrison commented on the actual safety of pedestrians in the crosswalks on Santa Monica Blvd. and La Cienega Blvds. in regards to motorists turning right on red lights.

Perlstein stated that she will have staff look at all comments and suggestions.

2. *Handicapped Parking Violations*

Sharon Perlstein stated that Janis Rhodes, Parking Manager is at a conference and is unable to attend to comment on this item. She was however preparing written information in regards to Handicapped Parking Violations, which will be distributed in the next DAC Agenda Packet, and if there is any further information she will try to attend the next DAC meeting.

3. *Curb Cut-outs*

Ms. Perlstein passed along a copy of the standard designs that the City of West Hollywood uses in regards to installation of curb-cuts. These are standards which have been adopted state wide.

She stated that there are around 200 locations that do not have access ramps. The Department of Transportation and Public Works installs access ramps based on approved budget allotment. The budget currently is \$15,000 for the installation of access ramps. Each access ramp must meet design standards and costs approximately \$1,000.

Several members stated they would like more money to be budgeted for curb cut-outs.

Co-Liason Reynolds recommended that the DAC should draft a recommendation to the City Council requesting additional funds be budgeted.

Motion to draft a recommendation for review and approval at the next meeting which requests additional funding for access ramps in next years budget.

Motion by Member Siegel, seconded by Member Harrison and unanimously carried.

4. *Pedestrian Right of Way/Violations*

Ms. Perlstein commented that this was included in Item 6.A.1.

Member Kelley stated concern over enforcement of Pedestrian Right of Way Violations in particular Santa Monica Blvd. and at La Jolla.

Member Kelley suggested more Sheriff involvement.

Member Von Douris added that Crescent Heights and Norton Avenue is another dangerous crosswalk.

Ms. Perlstein said she will forward this information to the Transportation Manager and will provide more information on this subject.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

9. **DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Member Harrison commented that he had suggested a forum to be held in February, 1997. What happened to this forum?

Co-Liason Reynolds suggested a Work Plan and that Member Harrison's item be included in the overall Work Plan.

Co-Liason Springer noted that it was strongly advised that the DAC needs to lay out their Work Plan for the year.

Member Von Douris indicated he will review Member Tim Taylor's materials regarding Section 8 Housing and possibly add to his recommendations for the one-page memo on the subject for possible placement on a future agenda.

Vice Chair Komac distributed a one page memo regarding Century Cable.

Member Siegel asked about the Agenda Item on "Presentation on Service Priorities" which was to be reported on and wasn't.

Co-Liason Reynolds indicated that as the results are compiled the relevant issues will be presented to the DAC.

Member Von Douris requested the placement of Disability Parking - On/Off Street Parking on the Agenda.

Several members stated that this should be part of the Work Plan and that this Item would have been reported on by Janis Rhodes, Parking Manager.

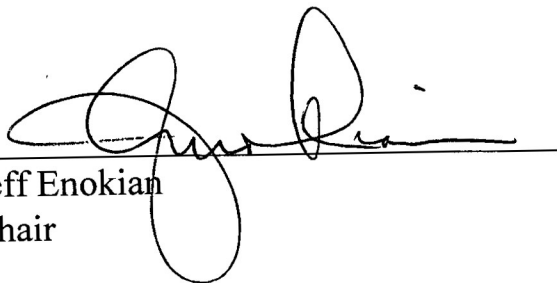
Member Von Douris also requested previously distributed 'packets' regarding Disability Parking be made available to newer members.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT AGENDA:

- ◆ Development of DAC Yearly Work Plan.

Motion by Chair Enokian, seconded by Member Von Douris and unanimously carried.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Council will adjourned at 7:13 p.m. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, February 12, 1997** at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.



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Jeff Enokian
Chair

ATTEST:



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John Lucero
Recording Secretary