

West Hollywood Committee on Disability

Minutes

Thursday, February 10, 1994

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Excused: Renae Dean, Marty Sweeney, Tom Hamlett
and Mark Handley

Absent: Paul Alleyne, Deanna Stevenson

Present: Jim Dowling, Bob Warburton, Louise Mebane,
Z Zimmerman (by phone)

Guests: Joyce Rooney, Diane DeVries, Sharon Schiffman,
and Ann Ehrental.

A. Introductions: Prospective member Diane DeVries;
guests Joyce Rooney, Sharon Pearlstein from WH
Transportation and Ann Ehrental from WH Community
Housing Corp.

B. Announcements: Marty Sweeney will be absent
temporarily, Leslye read his letter. He will
continue support and work on our brochures. He did
the flier for our Eastside Van Service.

Jane LaRue has resigned.

Shirley Roberts, our prospective Human Services
Commissioner, is ill.

The art exhibit is up, the reception is on the 16th
from 7-9 p.m.

C. Minutes approved.

D. Agenda approved.

II. Special Presentations

A. Ann Erhenthal, WHCHC: Ann passed out a history of
WHCHC and gave a brief overview. Started by City to
increase affordable housing stock. Non-profit, only
build in WH. Largest populations on wait list (and
in City) are low income seniors and people with
AIDS. Also open to people with disabilities.

B. Joyce Rooney, Dept. of Transportation: DOT oversees
the bus pass subsidy program, Dial-A-Ride, Taxi
Coupons and Cityline.

- C. Sharon Pearlstein, City Engineer, Dept. of Transportation and Public Works: In addition to Joyce's division, the Transportation Dept. also oversees parking, permits, meters, etc. Traffic Engineering oversees signals, marking, etc. City Engineer oversees roads, sidewalks sewers and ADA compliance.

Z asked about using contractors who employ people with disabilities.

City is regulated by State for the competitive bid process - depends on funding requirements. Usually have to get lowest bid, is leeway sometimes, but has to be reviewed by City Attorney. The current project on Santa Monica Bl. is So Ca Edison's.

III. Action Items

A. Projects

1. ADA/Community Brochure - Leslye will work on it for the next meeting.
2. ADA/Business Brochure - Z wants to include info on title II. Marty is working on a draft.

B. Advisory/Policy Update

1. Leslye gave input to the Transportation Dept. on an MTA/Prop A policy matter.
2. DOT is working on getting a rep from the Transportation Commission.
3. Parking - A handicap placard allows parking anywhere in the City, including permit districts. Z asked that this info be included in the ADA brochure and in the hotline.
4. Fountain sidewalks - Leslye talked to Sharon Pearlstein. Issue is that easement is owned privately and City has to purchase adjoining land to widen sidewalks. DOT is reviewing this problem, maybe make Fountain a 2 lane street. Z added that the speed limit on Fountain is too high, maybe need more crosswalks.
5. Private Property Handicap Violations - City only enforces these by request, is a political issue. Alternate approach would be to do an educational campaign to notice people's cars.
6. Close captioning Council meetings - waiting for follow-up from Deanna.

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.