

West Hollywood Committee on Disability  
Minutes: Thursday, March 10, 1994

I. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Present: Mark Handley, Dianne DeVries, Louise Mebane  
Deanna Stevenson  
Excused: Z Zimmerman, Shirley Roberts, Marty Sweeney  
Renaë Dean  
Absent: Jim Dowling, Paul Alleyne  
Guests: John VonDouris, Brian Cole

B. Announcements:

Bob Warburton had to resign;  
The City Council will review the appeal of the  
proposed housing project on North Palm Ave. on 3/21.

C. The minutes were approved as submitted.

II. Action Items:

A. Brochures:

There was a discussion of the kinds of information  
to be included in the Community ADA brochure. The members  
made the following suggestions:

- Info on the City AIDS Discrimination ordinance;
- Where to get more information, e.g. EEOC, with TDD  
numbers;
- Information re: the Committee on Disability;

There was also some discussion about how to disseminate the  
information. Suggestions included direct mail, info on the  
cable channel and to agencies that deal with people with  
disabilities. There was also a suggestion to do a public  
access program about the ADA on cable. Perri will follow up  
with Leslye and Marty on the status of the brochures; they  
may have to wait until the new Disability Specialist is  
hired.

With respect to the Business brochure, Mark  
suggested that the committee can review the guide that was  
done by WCIL For the City a few years ago and determine if it  
needs to be updated. It can be compared to the Purkiss Rose  
study for criteria.

It was also suggested that Debbie Potter and Thomas  
Crail be approached to discuss including ADA info as part of  
small business week. This can be discussed when the Director  
of Community Development meets with the Committee.

B. Parking Education Campaign

There was considerable discussion regarding how to  
address the problem of individuals parking in designated  
disabled parking spaces on private property. Parking  
Enforcement will only cite when a complaint is called in;  
they do not patrol private lots.

Suggestions: message on CityChannel reminding people that the fine for parking in a designated disabled spot as \$300; Find a major business, such as a bank, to post a sign reminding people not to use the disabled parking unless they have a placard; print pink cards that look like citations to distribute to community members which are reminders that people can leave on violator's cars. There was also a suggestion to print information about the Committee to leave for people who have disabled placards. There was also a suggestion to have a table in front of Pavillions to do outreach to people. There was also the suggestion that the Committee research what the City of Los Angeles is doing to address this problem.

C. Closed Captioning

Deanna will research how the City can address this issue. Mark said that CHannel 13 has closed captioning and maybe we can talk to them.

III. Special Presentations

Gay Forbes from the Community Development Department was unable to attend the meeting and will come in April instead.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.