

West Hollywood Committee on Disability
Minutes: Thursday, April 14, 1994

I. Call to order

A. The meeting was called to order at 4:15pm

Present: Louise Mebane, Z Zimmerman,
Deanna Stevenson, Perri Sloane, Pat Regan

Guests: Gay Forbes, Nancy Greenstein,
John Von Douris

B. Announcements

New specialist, upcoming elections

C. Minutes approved as submitted

11. Presentations:

A) Safety: Nancy Greenstein

New Fire station 7 on Hancock is brick and needs to be replaced. Also a new one on San Vicente needs to be upgraded.

Disaster preparedness: Nancy coordinates. Each department needs to do individual plan. The community disaster preparedness committee does presentations in the community.

They are working on a volunteer plan. It might be good to have the COD and the disaster committee work together. Written materials were provided re: earthquake tips for people with disabilities.

Want to do more red cross training through Parks and Rec. Work with community policing, Sheriffs department. Channel 10 has a crimewatch show. There is a monthly newsletter "Watch around the Block".

It was suggested that a self defense program for people with disabilities be provided in cooperation with the Sheriffs dept. and co-sponsored by the Public Safety commission. It was further recommended that this program be videotaped for distribution on cable television, possibly through the Crime Watch cable program. Training with neighborhood watch groups could improve safety for disabled neighbors.

B) Community Development: Gay Forbes

Four divisions responsible for physical environment and economics of the city: Planning, Building and Safety, Housing and Economic Development and Environmental Services.

1) Planning: Land use/ Urban planning. Projects review, exterior renovations, commercial and residential, business license Commission, cultural heritage board, Fine Arts Board, code enforcement.

Most actions taken are by complaint. People can call hotline. Will prosecute for non-compliance.

2) Building and Safety: Contracted out. Developer must certify by affidavit that plans are in compliance. ADA is enforced by the Department of Justice not by the City of West Hollywood.

California State standards are often stricter than ADA and are locally enforced.

3) Housing and Economic Development: Section 8 housing, Handiworker, Home Secure. Revitalization program, marketing the city to those outside the city. It was suggested that improved accessibility of the city could be a draw for visitors with disabilities, including convention participants.

4) Environmental Services: Trash pick-up and recycling.

111. Action Items:

ADA materials will be brought to May meeting.

Needs Assessment will be brought to May meeting.

Talk to Helen about future cable programming

Closed captioning: Deanna reported that the City Council agenda and follow up of actions currently go on Channel 6. We should publicize this to people who are hearing impaired. The Excellence in Service Task Force is looking into a TDD line to Council meetings. We should also publicize the availability of ASL interpretation for public meetings. Additionally, it would improve outreach to closed caption events or programs of interest to the hearing impaired community, including seniors.

RE: Today's presentations: Follow up on a self defense training that could also be videotaped for distribution on cable, perhaps on "Crime Watch".

Including ADA info in envelopes for business license renewal

Look into census definitions of disability

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