

WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

AUGUST 14, 1996

WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Hamlett.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Chair Gradinger.

3. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT: Advisory Members - Enokian, Hamlett, Kelley, Von Douris and Chair Gradinger.
ALSO PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Makinney and Deputy Clerk Lucero
ABSENT: Advisory Member Siegel

- ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE TO NEW ADVISORY COUNCILMEMBERS FRIDA AIZEMAN, IRVING HARRISON AND PAMELA MARIE KOMAC:** Deputy Clerk Lucero performed the Oaths of Office.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of Wednesday, June 12, 1996. Motion Von Douris seconded Kelley and unanimously carried.

5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None.

6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**A. REPORT ON CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST FESTIVAL'S
DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Assistant City Manager Makinney stated that Advisory Member Von Douris suggested postponing the report due to the transportation issues on this meeting's agenda. However, Mr. Makinney stressed that the report be given as soon as possible.

**B. REPORT FROM TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT STAFF ON
TAXI COUPON AND IDENTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS:**
Lucy Dyke, Transit Systems Manager, addressed the taxi coupon issue and possible identification cards for program users.

Ms. Dyke stated that identification cards would be very costly. She also outlined problems associated with such a program and its level of effectiveness in combating fraud.

Chair Gradinger asked if everyone over sixty-five qualifies for the program.

Ms. Dyke responded that all residents of West Hollywood over age sixty-five are eligible.

Advisory Member Kelley asked how many are eligible for the program due to disability.

Ms. Dyke responded that less than one percent of those using the program qualify solely on the basis of a disability.

Advisory Member Komac does not believe that everyone over sixty-five should automatically qualify. She also disagrees with expending funds for identification cards.

Advisory Member Von Douris supports the use of identification cards.

Chair Gradinger suggested a vote to amend the recommendation regarding the safety net provision.

Ms. Dyke suggested leaving the recommendation as is and observe how it plays out in practice.

Vice-Chair Hamlett suggested that Ms. Dyke report back in approximately six months on the recommendation.

Motion Von Douris to support the identification card recommendation, seconded Kelley. The motion failed on a roll call vote:

AYES: Advisory Members Kelley, Von Douris

NOES: Advisory Members Aizeman, Enokian, Hamlett,
Harrison, Komac, Chair Gradinger.

ABSENT: Advisory Member Siegel

Janis Rhodes, Parking Manager, discussed handicapped parking spaces throughout the City. She stated that these spaces are regulated by federal ADA requirements. She also outlined enforcement criteria as implemented by state law.

Advisory Councilmember Harrison inquired into various details regarding handicapped spaces.

Ms. Rhodes suggested addressing these questions to Brent Mullins in the City's Building & Safety Division.

Chair Gradinger would like this issue placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DAC WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY:

Assistant City Manager Makinney stated that he will revise and integrate the work plan developed by the old disabilities subcommittee.

9. DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Advisory Member Aizeman suggested installing a sound signal at the intersection of Santa Monica Blvd. and La Cienega to aid the blind.

Assistant City Manager Makinney stated that he would look into this.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT AGENDA:

Chair Gradinger stated that housing issues and the CSW report will be on the next agenda. The work plan may also be discussed.

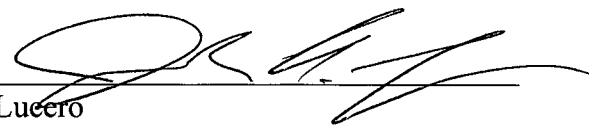
11. ADJOURNMENT:

The Disabilities Advisory Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to their next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 18, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.



Gary Gradinger
Chair

ATTEST:



John Lucero
Recording Secretary