

**WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 1997**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Chair Komac.
3. **OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEW MEMBERS:** Deputy Clerk Lucero administered the Oaths of Office to Disabilities Advisory Members Gold, Jacobs and Pavich.

4. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Advisory Members Aizenman, Gold, Harrison, Jacobs, Pavich, Von Douris and Acting Chair Komac.

ALSO PRESENT: Co-liaisons Dusterberg, Reynolds & Springer and Deputy Clerk Lucero.

ABSENT: Advisory Member Cushman.

5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

SIEMEN VAN DER WOUDE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the dog leash law should be better enforced with regard to those afflicted with HIV. He also commented on supposed harassment by the Sheriff's Department.

6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

John Keho, Associate Planner, announced the upcoming workshops entitled, *Dreaming a New Santa Monica Boulevard* to be conducted to receive public input on ideas for the future development of the Boulevard. The workshops will take place September 30th, October 8th and October 22nd.

A. **The Brown Act, Parliamentary Procedure and New Member Orientation**

*(Vivian Love, City Clerk)*

Ms. Love announced that City Attorney Mike Jenkins will conduct a seminar on September 30th which will give a detailed overview of the Brown Act and effective meeting management.

Ms. Love also provided a summary of Brown Act regulations, procedures in conducting advisory board meetings and generally orienting the new DAC members to the governmental process.

At this point Hugh Hallenberg entered. Deputy Clerk Lucero administered the Oath of Office to him.

Ms. Love continued with her presentation on the Brown Act.

Mr. Van Der Woude asked if he could make a comment if he had a specific concern.

Ms. Love stated that he is welcome to submit written comments or speak under citizen comments on the agenda.

Ms. Love also announced that there will be a commission and advisory board appreciation dinner on September 25th.

Advisory Member Hallenberg asked if an item may be added to the next agenda if the issue arises after the former meeting is adjourned.

Ms. Love stated that the item should be in accordance with the particular appointed body's priorities. The staff liaison(s) should be contacted to add the item. If the issue has a time constraint, then staff will place it on the upcoming agenda.

Advisory Member Harrison asked about the proposed Disabilities Forum.

Ms. Love replied that the DAC did not have a quorum to proceed with implementation of the event. However, she also indicated that this is an old agenda item and may be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

**B. Current Disability Programs**  
*(Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator)*

Ms. Dennis introduced Vivian Sauer of Jewish Family Services who is the director of several social service programs the City contracts with, including the disabilities services.

Ms. Dennis presented an outline of the various social service programs the City currently has in place.

Ms. Dennis elaborated that Vivian Sauer is currently interviewing applicants to fill a disabilities position.

Advisory Member Harrison inquired if physical therapy or counseling is available.

Ms. Sauer replied that her staff is responsible for counseling, setting-up resources for people and would making a referral. Physical therapy is available at Partners and she is also exploring the idea of creating an exercise group.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

9. **DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Motion Advisory Member Harrison to place the Disabilities Forum on the next agenda, seconded by Chair Komac and unanimously carried.

Motion Advisory Member Von Douris to discuss, on the next agenda, the possibility of the DAC becoming a commission, seconded Advisory Member Harrison.

Advisory Member Gold stated that it would be more appropriate to spend time on substantive issues than to discuss what the DAC should be called.

The motion was carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Advisory Members Aizenman, Hallenberg, Harrison, Jacobs,  
Von Douris, Chair Komac.

NOES: Advisory Members Gold, Pavich.

ABSENT: Advisory Member Cushman

Motion Advisory Member Jacobs to place the dog leash law on the next agenda, seconded by Chair Komac and carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Advisory Members Aizenman, Gold, Hallenberg, Jacobs, Pavich, Von Douris, Chair Komac.

NOES: Advisory Member Harrison.

ABSENT: Advisory Member Cushman.

Motion Advisory Member Gold to place a work plan on the next agenda, seconded Pavich and unanimously carried.

Motion Harrison to conduct election of officers at the next meeting, seconded Aizenman. The motion failed on a roll call vote:

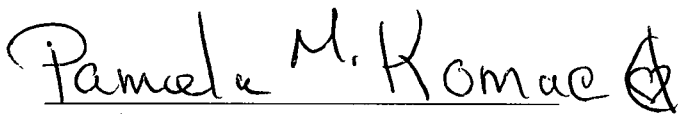
AYES: Advisory Members Aizenman, Harrison, Pavich.

NOES: Advisory Members Gold, Hallenberg, Jacobs, Von Douris, Chair Komac.

ABSENT: Advisory Member Cushman.

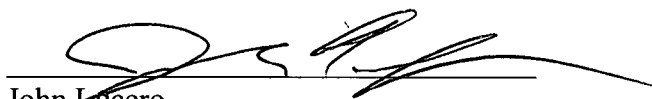
Councilmember Prang welcomed the new members and introduced the DAC to the City's structure.

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, October 8, 1997** at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.



Pamela Komac  
Acting Chair

ATTEST:



John Lucero  
Recording Secretary