

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 1997**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was led by Advisory Member Jacobs.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
 - PRESENT: Advisory Members Aizenman, Gold, Hallenberg, Harrison, Jacobs, Von Douris and Acting Chair Komac.
 - ALSO PRESENT: Co-liaisons Dusterberg & Springer and Deputy Clerk Lucero.
 - ABSENT: Advisory Members Cushman & Pavich and Co-liaison Reynolds.
4. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of Wednesday, September 10, 1997. Motion Advisory Member Von Douris, seconded Advisory Member Gold.
6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**
 - A. **DOG LEASH LAW**

Co-liaison Springer stated that the City contracts with the Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control Department with regard to enforcement of animal regulations. She elaborated that the City has also adopted by reference the County's Animal Care and Control Ordinances which have been incorporated into the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

Ms. Springer also stated that the City has adopted a higher fine for violations of the leash law and has increased Sheriff's patrols.

Ms. Springer also commented that the City has addressed Siemen Van Der Woude's specific concerns on this issue. She then read a letter addressed to Mr. Van Der Woude from City Manager Makinney into the record.

Acting Chair Komac asked if the West Hollywood Sheriffs are now able to write citations.

Co-liaison Dusterberg stated that the Sheriff's Department may now write citations.

Advisory Member Von Douris stated that contact with animal refuse not only impacts those with HIV but contact also afflicts those with a multitude of disabilities.

Advisory Member Jacobs suggested cablecasting an announcement regarding enforcement of the leash law.

Co-liaison Dusterberg stated that an announcement is currently playing on the City's cable channel and announcements may be enhanced by the City's Public Information Division.

Acting Chair Komac suggested distribution of a flyer regarding enforcement of the leash law.

Co-liaison Dusterberg stated that a flyer has already been distributed upon request.

Motion Acting Chair Komac requesting that the City Council include in a general mailing to all City residents, a flyer regarding enforcement of the leash law, seconded Advisory Member Von Douris.

Advisory Member Hallenberg stated that if the Sheriff's Department is currently enforcing the lease law, the problem will be corrected. If the issue is not resolved then it will be appropriate to recommend that the City Council distribute a flyer.

Advisory Member Aizenman stated that residents would most likely disregard such a flyer.

Advisory Member Gold commented that the City's informational efforts coupled with increased citing of violators has adequately addressed this issue.

Co-liaison Dusterberg stated that there is a high cost associated with mailing a flyer to all City residents.

The motion failed on a roll call vote:

AYES: Advisory Member Von Douris and Acting Chair Komac.

NOES: Advisory Members Aizenman, Gold, Hallenberg, Harrison, Jacobs.

ABSENT: Advisory Members Cushman and Pavich.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. DAC WORKPLAN

Disabilities Forum

Advisory Member Harrison provided background information and emphasized the importance of a Citywide public forum on disabilities.

Section 8 Housing

Advisory Member Aizenman stated that the goals of this item were to provide dignity to the disabled with regard to housing.

Disaster Preparedness

Advisory Member Aizenman stated that this issue was to be emphasized during the Public Forum.

Advisory Member Von Douris stated that this issue is of particular importance to those who are disabled.

ADA Compliance

Advisory Member Hallenberg stated that the City should be enforcing the ADA as it has been incorporated into state law.

He also stated that restrooms at Plummer Park are not completely accessible to the disabled.

Advisory Member Harrison stated that he found none of the nightclubs on Sunset to be adequately accessible to the disabled.

Recreation

Advisory Member Jacobs stated that recreational programs should be more accommodating to the disabled and that this issue should be included in the workplan.

Acting Chair Komac stated that the workplan should be flexible to accommodate unforeseeable issues which may arise.

Co-liaison Dusterberg suggested receiving and filing the current workplan and devoting the entire November meeting to development of a new workplan.

Motion Advisory Member Jacobs to add items to the workplan and at the next meeting to work on the specifics of those items, seconded Komac and failing on a roll call vote:

AYES: Advisory Member Jacobs and Acting Chair Komac.

NOES: Advisory Members Aizenman, Gold, Hallenberg, Harrison, and Von Douris.

ABSENT: Advisory Member Cushman and Pavich.

Motion Advisory Member Gold to devote the entire next meeting to development of the workplan and conducting elections, seconded Hallenberg and carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Advisory Members Aizenman, Gold, Hallenberg, Harrison, Jacobs and Acting Chair Komac.

NOES: Advisory Member Von Douris.

ABSENT: Advisory Members Cushman and Pavich.

B. HOUSING ISSUES - SENSITIVITIES TO THE DISABLED

Co-liaison Dusterberg outlined the City's existing programs with regard to housing issues. He also stated that Section 8 Housing is a federally funded program that is administered by the County of Los Angeles.

Motion Acting Chair Komac to receive and file the present housing issues recommendations and to incorporate new housing issues in the workplan, seconded Hallenberg and carried with the abstention of Advisory Member Harrison.

C. PUBLIC FORUM ON DISABILITIES

Advisory Member Hallenberg believes that the public forum is the best means of finding out the needs of the disabled community throughout the City.

Advisory Member Harrison stated that most of the arrangements for the forum had already been set. However, the forum did not get underway because the DAC did not have a quorum. He does not want to postpone preparations any further.

Advisory Member Hallenberg stated if the forum does not take place by May, he will resign from the DAC.

D. AUDIBLE CROSSWALK - SANTA MONICA & LA CIENEGA

This item was scheduled to be discussed at the November meeting. However, that meeting will now be devoted entirely to election of officers and the workplan. Therefore, this item has been continued to the December meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROPOSED DAC DESIGNATION FROM BOARD TO COMMISSION

Deputy Clerk Lucero summarized the general legal distinctions between commissions and advisory boards.

Advisory Member Von Douris would like the DAC to eventually become a commission.

Acting Chair Komac suggested that this issue be discussed as part of the workplan.

Deputy Clerk Lucero stressed that it is not appropriate to include the issue in the DAC workplan because a decision to make an advisory board a commission lies exclusively in the hands of the City Council.

Co-liaison Dusterberg stated that the Office of the City Clerk is in the process of evaluating the structure of all City boards and commissions and will eventually make recommendations to the City Council. He also stated that it is highly unlikely that the City Council will alter the designation of any appointed body beyond that of the Fine Arts Advisory Board.

Motion Advisory Member Jacobs to continue the item to a date uncertain but ensuring it does return on a future agenda, seconded Acting Chair Komac and carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Advisory Members Aizenman, Hallenberg, Harrison,
Jacobs and Acting Chair Komac.

NOES: Advisory Members Gold and Von Douris.

ABSENT: Advisory Members Cushman and Pavich.

Advisory Member Gold stated his reason for voting No was that he would prefer that the item does not appear on a future agenda.

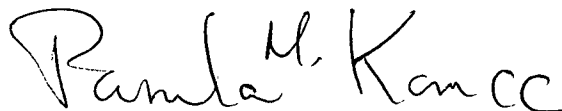
9. DISABILITIES ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS:

Advisory Member Von Douris announced the upcoming Access Awards luncheon and the Governor's seminar on disabilities.

Advisory Member Hallenberg announced a special education seminar on October 20th and distributed brochures. He would also like the City's ADA Self-evaluation and Transition Plan discussed at a future meeting.

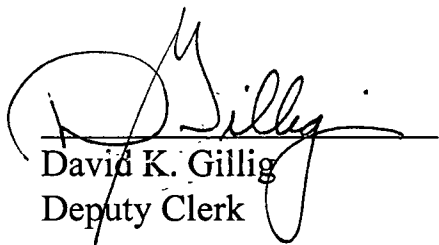
- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, November 12, 1997** at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL
THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1997.



Pamela Komac
Acting Chair

ATTEST:



David K. Gillig
Deputy Clerk