

WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 1996

6:00 P.M.

PLUMMER PARK

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7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT: Advisory Councilmembers Aizeman, Enokian, Harrison, Kelley, Komac, Siegel, Von Douris and Chair Gradinger.
ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager Makinney and Deputy Clerk Lucero.
ABSENT: Vice-Chair Hamlett.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
ACTION: Approve the minutes of Wednesday, August 14, 1996. Motion Von Douris, seconded by Kelley and unanimously carried.

4. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **LOS ANGELES COUNTY SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM**

Mayme Cannady, Acting Rent Stabilization Director introduced Grace Stepter of the Section 8 Division of the L.A. County Community Development Commission.

Ms. Cannady stated that there are 800 units within the City of West Hollywood subsidized by the Section 8 program.

Ms. Stepter presented a report on various housing programs offered by the L.A. County Commission.

Chair Gradinger inquired as to the demographics of Section 8 recipients in the City of West Hollywood.

Ms. Stepter stated that they are predominantly Caucasian, elderly, and/or disabled.

Advisory Councilmember Komac inquired as to the Section 8 Kings Road site.

Eric Johnson of the Rent Stabilization Department elaborated on the Section 8 program application process for the Kings Road site.

Advisory Councilmember Von Douris inquired regarding the County's sensitivity toward disability issues. He also inquired if an applicant has a one bedroom voucher can the applicant pay the difference toward obtaining a larger unit?

Ms. Stepter stated that an amount paid by the applicant above the housing assistance payment contract price would be against the rules of the program.

Ms. Stepter also outlined L.A. County's efforts to address the special needs of the disabled.

6. STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. AUDIBLE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Interim City Manager Makinney stated that a staff report was prepared by City Engineer, Sharon Perlstein.

Advisory Councilmember Aizeman would like to investigate the effectiveness of audible signals at the intersection of La Cienega and Santa Monica Boulevards.

Advisory Councilmember Aizeman stated that the National Federation for the Blind is against these audible traffic signals. However, this organization is not the only authority on the subject.

PHYLLIS COTO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented that there is a need for audible signals at the intersections of Santa Monica and La Cienega and Santa Monica and Robertson.

Chair Gradinger suggested placing this item on the December DAC agenda after Advisory Councilmember Aizeman has a chance to research this issue.

Von Douris suggested adding the intersection of Fairfax and Santa Monica to be considered for audible signals.

Interim City Manager Makinney inquired as to what the particular problem with the La Cienega/Santa Monica Boulevard intersection is.

Aizeman stated that the two intersections are irregular.

Interim City Manager Makinney stated that Sharon Perlstein is available to attend a future DAC meeting. He suggested that Ms. Perlstein address problems with these intersections in addition to the audible signals issue.

Chair Gradinger reiterated that this item will be placed on the December DAC agenda.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. REPORT ON CSW FESTIVAL'S DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Interim City Manager Makinney introduced Michael Yates of Christopher Street West who was available for questions.

Mr. Yates requested that specific questions on disability issues be submitted by DAC to Mr. Makinney who will forward them to Mr. Yates for discussion at the meeting in December.

B. REQUEST THAT TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REVIEW ORDINANCES AFFECTING PARKING ENFORCEMENT OF DISABLED PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY & ASSESS FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ON-STREET DISABLED PARKING

Interim City Manager Makinney stated that at the last meeting DAC had discussed lack of enforcement of disabled parking spaces on private property and also analyzed the need for additional disabled parking on streets. City staff concluded that the best response would be a DAC recommendation to the Transportation Commission and that commission will report back to DAC.

Advisory Councilmember Harrison commented that in a conversation with Mayor Koretz that the Mayor stated that parking for the disabled cannot be enforced on private property due to a grandfather clause regarding the regulation of the property.

Chair Gradinger suggested discussing the parking issue at the December DAC meeting.

8. DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Advisory Councilmember Kelley discussed the increased traffic hazards in West Hollywood and the need to improve pedestrian crosswalks. She would like to discuss this at the December meeting.

Advisory Councilmember Harrison suggested advertising a forum for the disabled. This would enable the disabled community to voice their concerns.

Advisory Councilmember Aizeman suggested advertising with a flyer or with public service radio announcements.

Chair Gradinger suggested setting aside some time for this at a future meeting.

Advisory Councilmember Komac announced a 100 year-plus birthday party for residents and invited all Advisory Councilmembers and the City Council to attend.


Chair Gradinger suggested placing pedestrian crosswalk issues and Advisory Councilmember Harrison's proposed disabilities forum on the December agenda in addition to the CSW item.

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The Disabilities Advisory Council adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, November 13, 1996** at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.



Gary Gradinger
Chair

ATTEST:



John Lucero
Recording Secretary