

WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 8, 1995

6:00 P.M.

WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL

8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD.

RENT STABILIZATION HEARING ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Rev. Colleen Walsh led the pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
 - PRESENT - Advisory Councilmembers-Barrios, Enokian, Gradinger, Vega, Von Douris, Ex-Officio Members Horne and Mackler.
 - ABSENT -Advisory Councilmembers Brodie and Taylor.
 - ALSO PRESENT -Assistant City Manager Makinney and Deputy Clerk Lucero.

Advisory Councilmember Barrios was sworn in.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of Thursday, October 5, 1995. Motion Von Douris seconded Gradinger, noting that Advisory Councilmember Taylor had suggested televising the Disabilities Advisory Council meetings not Advisory Councilmember Gradinger, seconded Von Douris and unanimously carried.

5. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Election of Officers

Assistant City Manager Makinney announced that the City Council at their November 6th meeting appointed two new members to the Disabilities Advisory Council. He suggested that election of officers be deferred until these new members receive their formal letters of appointment and are sworn in.

B. Other Issues

Assistant City Manager Makinney reported that a contract has been negotiated to install automatic door openers at both entrances to City Hall.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. PROCEDURAL RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Advisory Councilmember Von Douris suggested amending Section 1 Item 15) Citizen Comments, extending the public comment time limit by three (3) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair, when a speaker is experiencing difficulty.

Advisory Councilmember Gradinger suggested amending Section 1 Item 2) Special Meetings to read "a special meeting may be called at any time by the Chair plus one other Advisory Councilmember."

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. DAC 95-001, "A RESOLUTION OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING PROCEDURAL RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL."

Motion Von Douris, incorporating the above suggestions, seconded Barrios.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST ACCESSIBILITY

Assistant City Manager Makinney outlined background information on this issue and introduced Michael Yates, Executive Director of Christopher Street West (CSW).

Mr. Yates announced that CSW has a Special Needs Committee that addresses accessibility to the disabled.

Chris Ramirez, Chair of the Special Needs Committee, outlined achievements of the committee for the 1995 festival. He also

discussed literature, including the brochure, "A More Accessible Pride," prepared by CSW catering to the disabled community.

Advisory Councilmember Vega stated that the discounted admission price for the disabled was not posted at ticket booths.

Mr. Ramirez replied that next year these signs will be posted at each ticket booth.

Advisory Councilmember Von Douris would like the pathway for the disabled clearly marked on the map within the "A More Accessible Pride" brochure. He would also like temporary ramps throughout the festival improved for the disabled.

Mr. Ramirez replied that maps were available at the ticket booths.

Mr. Yates believes that the permanent ramp adjacent to the ramp in question meets ADA standards.

B. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THOSE PROGRAMS

Lucy Dyke, Transportation Manager, presented program information as outlined in the staff report dated November 8, 1995.

Advisory Councilmember Von Douris suggested adding heart and respiratory disabilities to the eligibility criteria list.

Ms. Dyke replied that there is no City staff person with the expertise to evaluate which heart and respiratory disabilities would make someone eligible for the program.

Advisory Councilmember Vega commented that many suffering from AIDS or requiring dialysis do not necessarily lack mobility.

Jodi Curlee, Social Services Administrator, commented that the eligibility criteria are based on lack of mobility, not necessarily specific disease.

Ex-Officio Member Horne suggested the Advisory Council draft a letter to the City Council discussing the parameters of eligibility.

COLLEEN WALSH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, inquired as to whether the seniors' criteria for taxi coupons were still in place.

STELLA DONALD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that she was informed of a two week advanced notice required for dial-a-ride service. She also inquired as to whether the program will service a Westwood location other than UCLA and a Studio City destination.

Ms. Dyke responded that it is not necessary to make an appointment two weeks in advance, the program provides trips to UCLA but not Westwood in general, and Studio City is outside the service area.

Advisory Councilmember Gradinger requested a break-down of taxi coupon recipient's destinations.

Ms. Dyke responded that 60% to 70% of the recipients use the coupons for transportation to a health care provider. Most other trips were to grocery stores.

Motion Gradinger to reject staff recommendation and request that staff develop use-based and disability-based criteria for the taxi coupon program that limits the uses that people can make for those coupons but at the same time expands the range of those with disabilities who are eligible for the program so the number of recipients balances out, seconded Von Douris and unanimously carried.

8. CITIZENS COMMENTS:

COLLEEN WALSH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the Christopher Street West presentation on accessibility for the disabled.

9. DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Advisory Councilmember Von Douris feels that CSW has had ample time to make the festival more accessible and has not fully complied.

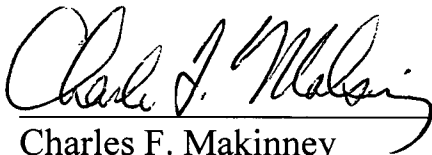
Advisory Councilmember Vega would like a stronger advocacy service for the disabled and outlined various difficulties with Bet Tzedek Legal Services.

Advisory Councilmembers Von Douris and Vega expressed several concerns regarding SOVA Food Pantry.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT AGENDA:

By consensus, the Advisory Council agreed to place a discussion of Section 8 housing on the December agenda.

- 11. ADJOURN:** The Disabilities Advisory Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m. to their next regular meeting to be held on December 13, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.



Charles F. Makinney
Staff Liaison

ATTEST:



John Lucero
Recording Secretary