

WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 1996

6:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

RENT STABILIZATION HEARING ROOM

8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was waived.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Advisory Councilmembers Aizeman, Enokian, Harrison, Komac, Siegel, Von Douris and Chair Grading.

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager Charlie Makinney, Co-Liason Kathryn Reynolds and Deputy Clerk Gillig.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Hamlett and Advisory Councilmember Kelley.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of Wednesday, October 9, 1996 with a motion to add a sentence immediately following Harrison's comments about a forum. Von Douris requested that the forum to be in the context of a public hearing and not conducted as a forum. Motion by Harrison and seconded by Von Douris.

5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None

6. **STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Makinney introduced Kathryn Reynolds who will serve as Co-Liason to the Disabilities Advisory Council during the time Makinney is acting Interim City Manger. The other Co-Liason is Tamar Springer.

A. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON MARCH 4, 1997

Jay Thompson, Assistant City Clerk requested input from the Councilmembers relative to the General Municipal Election on March 4, 1997 to be conducted by the City of West Hollywood.

Siegel commented about possible temporary wooden ramps being installed at polling locations that currently do not have such access for wheelchairs.

Thompson responded that he has visited all election sites, a total of 13 for the General Municipal Election and will take that into consideration when conversing with the County of Los Angeles.

Vivian Love, City Clerk stated that the City of West Hollywood cannot demand from the County of Los Angeles that polling locations be accessible to the disabled, however the Office of the City Clerk tries to ensure that all polling locations within West Hollywood are accessible to the disabled.

Harrison offered his services to inspect polling locations since he currently inspects public housing for HUD.

Several members commented about various locations that are not accessible and Vivian Love assured them that the Office of the City Clerk will work with them and the County of Los Angeles on this matter to make the process as easy as possible for every voter.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. CSW FESTIVAL'S DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Michael Yates of Christopher Street West gave a brief overall review of Christopher Street West in accommodating the disabled.

Yates stated that Christopher Street West has had a Special Services Committee for 4 years to address the special needs of the community.

Christopher Street West provides sight interpreters for the hearing impaired that roam the parade route, festival grounds and are at staging areas, disabled access for restrooms, provides a special area for health related conditions, specialized parking, reduced fee for admission and furnishes maps with charted out route areas. 90% of the festival grounds are accessible and exceed ADA guidelines.

Harrison questioned the total amount of people available to the disabled. Yates responded between 100 to 150 people are accessible over the weekend.

Von Douris commented and questioned about the medical services that are available.

Komac questioned the reason why last years Parade was not televised.

Yates assured the Councilmembers that all their concerns will be addressed.

B. PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SIGNALS/CROSSWALKS
(Sharon Perlstein, City Engineer)

Makinney stated that according to the Minutes of the October, 1996 meeting this was supposed to appear on the Agenda for the December, 1996 meeting, but these items were placed on the Agenda for the November, 1996 meeting because Aizeman was doing additional research on the Audible Pedestrian Signals.

Aizeman reported that the corner of La Cienega and Santa Monica Boulevard problems cannot be solved by the Audible Traffic Signals because of the way the intersection is constructed. Aizeman is doing further research to see if the intersection of La Cienega and Santa Monica Boulevards can be reconstructed.

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

(Assistant City Manager's Office)

Several members expressed concern about handicapped parking in privately owned lots and the after hours enforcement of these lots.

Further discussion will take place at the December, 1996 meeting along with all transportation issues.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROPOSED DISABILITIES FORUM

(Advisory Councilmember Harrison)

Harrison would like a Public Hearing (rather than a Forum) to hear the complaints and/or comments from the disabled community and to get the word out that there is an organized support group that stands up for their needs.

Harrison compiled a list of "Normal Daily Life" for people that are handicapped or disabled. He hopes people attending the hearings will discuss any problems that they might encounter in accessing these facilities: re: residential property entry or exits, laundry facilities, trash disposal, shopping neighborhood stores, Post Offices', banks, transportation, doctor visits, movie theaters, pharmacies, libraries, cleaning establishments, entry/exit into public buildings, voting, parking, etc.

A concern was voiced that this Public Hearing should not be cable-cast. No matter how much publicity this Hearings would receive, there was a consensus that there would be very limited attendance.

Helen Goss, Public Information Officer, would be contacted for further information and direction.

A tentative date for February, 1997 was given to facilitate the publicity and advertising for this Public Hearing and to also correspond with the Senior Advisory Council.

9. DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Gradinger announced that at the end of the next meeting of December, 1996 he will be stepping down as Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Council and a election will take place to appoint a new Chair.

Komac is distressed by Century Cable's pricing system with regard to people with disabilities and that some residential buildings are not equally priced through the cable company.

Siegel commented on the sidewalk cafe's with regard to encroachments. Department of Transportation and Public Works will be contacted for the December, 1996 meeting to respond to this concern.

Von Douris commented again on Section 8 and Rent Stabilization issues.

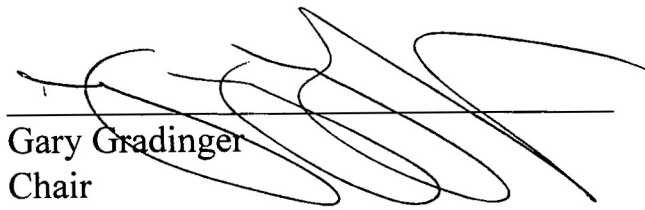
Gradinger commented that certain issues are being repeated over and over again ad nauseam that are not legitimate concerns for the Disabilities Advisory Council.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT AGENDA:

Transportation Issues:

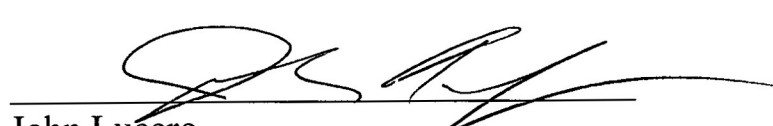
- ◆ Audible Pedestrian Signals
- ◆ Handicapped Parking Violations
- ◆ Curb Cut-Outs
- ◆ Pedestrian Right of Way / Violations

11. ADJOURNMENT: The Disabilities Advisory Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to their next regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, December 11, 1996** at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.



Gary Gradinger
Chair

ATTEST:



John Lucero
Recording Secretary