

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 16, 2014
6:30 P.M.

FINAL

Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:35 P.M. in the Culver City Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present:

DR. JAY SHERY, Chair
GRACE ELLIOTT, Member
DR. JANET CAMERON HOULT, Member
BARBARA EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, Member
ALEXANDER LEE, Member
DR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, Member
ROBYN TENENSAP, Member

Absent:

MARCY SOOKNE, Member*

Staff Present:

Darren Uhl, Staff Secretary

* Alisa Sookne was present on behalf of Marcy Sookne to help with the discussion of Disability Awareness month.

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**Community Announcements By DAC Members/Information Items
From Staff**

Member Hoult reported that she and her husband had been invited to participate in the Citizen's Police Academy and she was interested to know what the Police Department was doing in conjunction with disabled citizens to determine whether there were any issues that need to be addressed. Member Elliott announced the seventh Walk with a Doc on July 19 with a Dr. Nancy Sicotte speaking before the walk on the cognitive benefits of exercise.

Member Tenensap reported that the time of the Hearing Loss Association meeting had been moved to 3:15 P.M. on the third Wednesday of each month in the Senior Center Conference Room and at the last meeting there had been a full house of people interested in living successfully with hearing loss.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Shery invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Committee:

Scott Garland introduced himself as a newly appointed Commissioner on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission and was present to learn about the DAC.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Staff Secretary Uhl reported receipt of an email from Member Sookne indicating that she would be out of town but was sending her daughter, Alisa to attend the meeting in her place to discuss Carnival input.

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

Member Hoult noted that her name had been misspelled in the minutes.

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2014 AS CORRECTED.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Administration of the Oath of Office to Appointed/Re-Appointed Commission Members

Staff Secretary Uhl administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Jay Shery, Dr. Janet Cameron Hoult and Robin Tenensap.

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Item A-2

Selection of DAC Chair and Vice Chair for 2014-2015

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION APPOINTING ALEXANDER LEE TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR AND DR. JAY SHERY TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2014-2015.

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Item A-3

Updated Meeting Protocols and New Procedure Regarding Creation of DAC Minutes

Staff Secretary Uhl discussed efforts to streamline operations and provide consistency by outsourcing the meeting minutes noting that one person should speak at a time and side conversations should take place before or after the meeting.

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Item A-4

Disability Film Series

Member Effros-Schwartz reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee had not met yet; she indicated that she had recruited two volunteers from the Parkinson's Support Group; and she noted that representatives would be present from both the Parkinson's Action Network and the American Parkinson's Disease Association which is a co-sponsor providing educational resources.

Staff Secretary Uhl distributed resource and promotional materials from last year's event and he indicated that the room at the Senior Center was reserved for September 28.

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Item A-5

Disability Awareness Month

Staff Secretary Uhl presented the flier for the Carnival event along with the press release seeking nominations for commendations for outstanding work with people with disabilities; he discussed distribution of the fliers and outreach; he reported receipt of one nomination for a staff person from United Cerebral Palsy; he distributed planning guidelines from last year and suggested using them for assistance with the event for this year; discussed the budget; community volunteers; the schedule of events; the balloon maker; donations; clarification that the event is free; asking that families RSVP so staff can get an idea of necessary supplies; and he discussed the petting zoo.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the photo booth; singing and karaoke; line dances; carnival games; the role of the Girl Scouts; the crafts area; Teen Center volunteers; the popularity of Spin Art; conserving supplies; the Quiet Area; signage; information distributed to parents; inviting community groups to be present with resource tables; inclusion of a new organization being formed by Member Effros-Schwartz called Special Kids, Special Dogs; the Foundation for Junior Blind; The Westside Regional Center; Jeffrey Foundation; Vista Del Mar; No Limits; SHARE; United Cerebral Palsy; hiring a sign language interpreter; food and beverage service issues; senior volunteers; Exchange Club volunteers; training; RSVP volunteers; Senior Center users; Exchange Club funding of food, toys, prizes and gifts; involving restaurants; Senior Center Association funding; feeding the volunteers; the slot car race; the need for bags and name tags; differentiating between volunteers and participants; establishing a theme for the event; clarification that participants are encouraged to wear costumes if they like so long as they don't cover their faces; and it was agreed that a sufficient number of people were needed to ensure that check-in goes smoothly.

The Committee agreed upon the following assignments:

Member Effros-Schwartz - Therapy Dogs and/or Quiet Room
Member Elliott - Check-in
Member Hoult - Coordination of Resource Tables and Outreach
Member Lee - Arts and Crafts
Member Montgomery - Solicitation of Food for Volunteers
Chair Shery - Coordination of food & beverage
Member Sookne - Photo Booth & Girl Scout Volunteer Training
Member Tenensap - Arts and Crafts
Staff Debbie Cahill - Carnival Games
Staff Jill Thomsen - Check-in
Staff Secretary Uhl - Overall Supervision
Staff Cindee Zisner - Carnival Games

Staff Secretary Uhl reported that traditionally a wheelchair basketball team makes a presentation at the High School in October; he discussed contacting the National Wheelchair Basketball Association noting that there were not many active teams in the area; he reported receiving no response from the Los Angeles Clippers, Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center, the Sparks Wheelchair Basketball team or the Lakers; and he agreed to reach out to the team at Cal State Northridge and the Cal State Long Beach team.

Member Hoult offered to investigate Cal State Northridge and Cal State Long Beach and she received clarification regarding the timing of the event.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding making a display at the schools; a proposed program at the Mayme Clayton Museum highlighting a disabled individual in December or January; outreach and publicity; connecting with different groups; marketing efforts; working with the School District; coordination with the Junior Blind; and agreement that staff would provide marketing materials to Committee Members for their own distribution and marketing efforts.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

None.

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Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members

Member Hoult discussed sidewalk safety; City Council action on the Street Tree Master Plan; she read comments that she had made at the July 14 City Council meeting; and she expressed support for Member Lee's idea regarding community grants.

Member Effros-Schwartz reported that the Special Olympics would be coming to Los Angeles in the summer of 2015; reported that Councilmember Clarke and the Mayor of Santa Monica were interested in being sponsoring cities and working together to minimize the obligation of hotels; and she suggested sending an email to encourage support for Culver City becoming a sponsoring city.

Member Lee reported that the Building Standards Commission for the state of California would be holding a hearing regarding the building code in relation to disabilities, are looking at changing the code for electric vehicles, and are taking comments if anyone would like to submit.

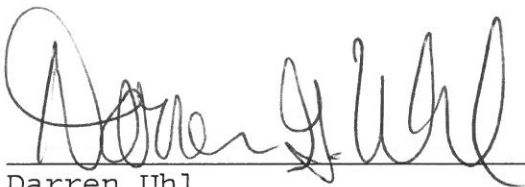
Chair Shery reported that on July 14 the City Council took the position of not supporting charging a fare for blind bus passengers and he reported speaking with Councilmember Clarke who has done outreach to the City hotels with regard to the Special Olympics and has met with resistance in getting 50 rooms donated due to the timing of the Special Olympics in the peak of the summer season.

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Adjournment

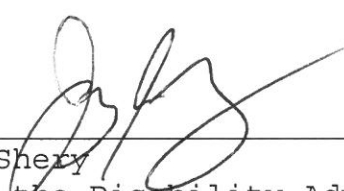
There being no further business, at 7:38 p.m., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Conference Room.

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Darren Uhl
SECRETARY of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED



Dr. Jay Sherry
CHAIR of the Disability Advisory Committee, Culver City,
California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK

Date

By: _____
Assistant City Clerk