

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

FINAL

July 10, 2013
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M. in the Veterans Memorial Building Uruapan Room.

Members Present: DR. JAY SHERY, Chair
 ROBYN TENENSAP, Vice Chair
 BARBARA EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, Member
 GRACE ELLIOTT, Member
 ALEXANDER LEE, Member
 DR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, Member
 MARCY SOOKNE, Member
 RHONDA WOLF, Member

Absent Excused: SEAN YEE, Member

Staff Present: Darren Uhl

o o o

Approval of Minutes of the June 12, 2013 Regular Meeting

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Receipt & Filing of Correspondence

E-mail notification was sent that member Sean Yee was unable to attend the meeting.

Audience Participation for Items on the Agenda

PRCS Commissioner Catherine Yanda introduced PRCS Commissioner Rick Hudson as the new liaison from their commission to the Disability Advisory Committee.

Presentation Item

Item P-1

Marisol Arzate from the nation's largest nonprofit agency, Housing Rights Center (HRC), shared valuable information regarding renters rights—specifically those dealing with seniors and the disabled. HRC investigates every type of discrimination complaint; however, disability-based discrimination is the #1 type of complaint received. HRC is

available at no cost to all residents for assistance in the areas of landlord/tenant mediation, ADA reasonable accommodations, home modifications for seniors, and other areas where property owners are legally required to work with tenants' needs and safety. The primary goal of the Housing Rights Center is to help find solutions between renters and owners. Ms. Arzate mentioned that the HRC information could be found on Culver City's website under the Housing Division.

oOo

Agenda Items

Item A

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report and Planning for Disability Film Series Event.

Members discussed various assigned duties, event plans, program order, etc. Barbara Effros-Schwartz was excited to report that Phoenix Dance filmmaker Karina Epperlein would indeed be in town for the event and leading a Q & A with the audience. Staff Darren Uhl shared information on the City's extensive marketing efforts.

Item B

Report from Exploratory Special Olympics Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Robyn Tenesap reiterated information shared at the June meeting. Barbara Effros-Schwartz recommended that it be agenized for the next meeting that the DAC create a written recommendation to the City Council that the Economic Development Department plan to be involved with the 2015 Los Angeles Special Olympics event. Darren Uhl will discuss with the City's Volunteer office, including a link on our website to the Special Olympics volunteer page.

oOo

Items from Staff

Darren Uhl shared a handout listing tentative and firm dates for Disability Awareness Month activities. These included September 23 for the Proclamation, October 11 for wheelchair basketball, October 20 for the annual carnival, and October 14 or 28 for Commendation Awards. The Handout also included details from last year's carnival. DAC members were asked to review the information and report at the next meeting if they were able to assist/contribute in the same areas or if suggested changes be made. It was decided to once again

invite local organizations to have informational tables at the carnival: with The Help Group, Housing Rights Center, S.H.A.R.E., and Westside Center for Independent Living as suggestions.

o0o

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

PRCS Commissioner Rick Hudson, liaison to the DAC, stated that he would like to have today's speaker from the Housing Rights Center speak at a PRCS Commission Community Conversation event, and he suggested that this item be placed on the next DAC meeting agenda. He also stated that he could help promote disability programs at PRCS Commission meetings if given advance notice.

o0o

Items From Committee Members

Jay Shery requested that PRCS Director Daniel Hernandez attend the next meeting in order to clarify/discuss ongoing requests from the PRCS Commission to collaborate with the DAC. He also stated that it would be agendaized for the next meeting to end the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the Disability Film Series in order to comply with proper City protocol, until such a time as it was again needed to assemble for the purpose of making film suggestions to the committee.

Grace Elliott shared that the High School sporting fields have been renovated and that bleachers and restrooms were now handicapped accessible, and that plans are in place to install elevators at the High School as well.

Robyn Tenesap stated that she would like to see a guest speaker on the topic of autism, specifically behavioral therapy, as it relates to the Governor's Medical proposals.

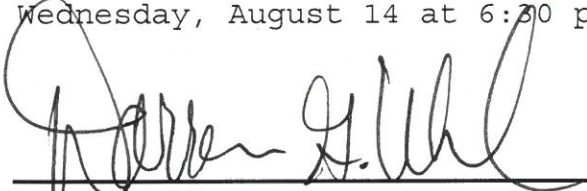
Marcy Sookne stated that there have been some changes at the local McBride School for special education. She will contact them and report back her findings.

Alexander Lee stated that there has been an increase in lawsuits related to accessibility on the World Wide Web.

o0o

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:13 p.m., the DAC adjourned to the next regular meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 pm.



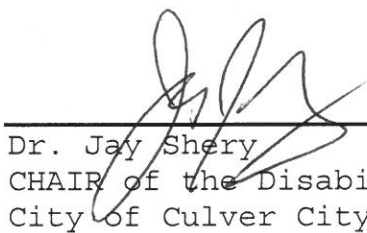
oOo

Darren Uhl

Staff SECRETARY of the Disability Advisory Committee

APPROVED

8-14-2013



Dr. Jay Shery

CHAIR of the Disability Advisory Committee
City of 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

19 AUG 2013

Date

By: _____

Assistant City Clerk