

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

August 13, 2014
6:30 P.M.

FINAL

Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:37 P.M. in the Culver City Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Darren Uhl, Staff Secretary
Cindee Zisner

Presentations

Item P-1

Guest speaker Susan Osborne, Executive Director of Autism Unites, a local 501(C)(3)

Susan Osborne provided a presentation on Autism Unites noting that they focus on the needs of adults with autism post-high school.

Discussion ensued between Committee Members and Ms. Osborne regarding age requirements for the program; scheduling; and marketing and promotion.

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

Chair Shery requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Chair Rick Hudson.

Member Hoult reported participating in the Citizen's Police Academy course and she announced an upcoming program on Smart 911.

Member Elliot encouraged everyone to join in on Walk with a Doc on the third Saturday of each month in Veterans Park.

Member Effros-Schwartz expressed sadness at the passing of Rick Hudson and announced that the Culver City Parkinson's Support Group would be participating in a Parkinson's Walk on September 20 to raise money for all the Parkinson's organizations.

Member Tenensap reported that the Hearing Loss Association meetings were now taking place in the Senior Center Conference Room on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:15 P.M.; she noted the need for a support group for seniors with hearing loss; and she discussed the format of the meeting.

Member Montgomery announced memorial services for Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Chair Rick Hudson at Bill Botts Field at 6:30 P.M. on August 16.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Shery invited public comment.

No speakers came forward.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 16, 2014 AS SUBMITTED.

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Action Items

Item A-1

**Review the Current Culver City Commission, Committee and
Board Application Form and, (If Desired) Provide Staff with
Recommendations to Update and/or Tailor the Application
Form Specifically for Disability Advisory Commission
Applicants**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members
regarding the timeframe for comment; eliminating
redundancy; a suggestion to combine questions 8 and 10; a
suggestion to attach a resume; allowing additional space
for elaborating on answers; conflicts of interest;
streamlining the narrative section; concern with too much
repetition on the application; clarification regarding the
question regarding criminal background; background checks;
and concern with discrimination.

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Item A-2

**Discussion of the Disability Advisory Committee Bylaws and
Creation of a Subcommittee to Update the Project**

Chair Shery, Member Lee and Member Montgomery agreed to
serve on the subcommittee to update the Disability Advisory
Committee Bylaws.

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Item A-3

**Discussion Regarding Disability Awareness Article by DAC
Member Grace Elliott**

Member Elliott reported that she would be meeting with the editor of the paper and she noted that the first article would be simple and announce the addition of Member Hoult.

Member Hoult offered to assist in any way she could.

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Item A-4

Disability Film Series

Member Effros-Schwartz proposed postponing the date due to concern that it would take away from other efforts needed in October, a personal schedule conflict, and concerns with the proximity of the original date to Rosh Hashanah.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding scheduling an alternate date; availability of participants; publicity; and assistance from Members not on the subcommittee.

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Item A-6
(Out of Sequence)

**Discussion and Motion Regarding Nominations for Disability
Awareness Month Commendations for Submission to City
Council**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the process; past recipients; criteria; individual recipients vs. organizations; the deadline for submissions; a suggestion to nominate Lawrence Elkind to be the individual recipient and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) as the organizational recipient; other nominations; a suggestion to create a plaque for past recipients; funding; photographs; the library display case; displays at the middle school and high school; providing pictures and an article to the newspaper; including a list of past

recipients with the solicitations for nominations; and wording in the proclamation.

Moved by Member Tenensap and seconded by Member Effros-Schwartz that the DAC nominate UCP as an organization to receive the Disability Awareness Month Commendation and Lawrence Elkind of Hand Services to receive the individual commendation.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Members regarding the intent of the nomination, and recognizing the individual vs. recognizing the organization.

Member Tenensap amended her motion to recognize Terry Lantz and the program she created at UCP under the organization category and Lawrence Elkind under the individual category. Member Effros-Schwartz seconded the amended motion.

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH COMMENDATIONS BE ISSUED TO TERRY LANTZ AND HER PROGRAM AT THE UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES UNDER THE ORGANIZATION CATEGORY AND TO LAWRENCE ELKIND IN THE INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY.

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Item A-5
(Out of Sequence)

Disability Awareness Month Activities

Staff Secretary Uhl reported approval by the Culver City Senior Citizens Association to donate up to \$1,500 to support the event; key staff assignments were distributed along with a list of potential booth participants; he noted that Member Hoult would be coordinating the booths; he reported that the price of the petting zoo had increased but that the Senior Center would be covering that expense; and he reported on the many supplies that he had procured for the event.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding carnival prizes; edible art projects; finding a suitable printer for the photographs; approaching businesses for food donations; the Girl Scouts; volunteers; training; the photo booth; cartoon characters; clarification that Debbie Cahill would coordinate prizes;

therapy dogs; event insurance; location of the dogs; lollipops for the pumpkin patch; clarification that the booths are free; and particulars regarding participating organizations.

Staff Secretary Uhl indicated that he would let Committee Members know the date of the City Council meeting where the proclamation for Disability Awareness Month would be presented and when commendations would be presented, and he reported that he was working to coordinate scheduling a Wheelchair Assembly with the Flying Wheels wheelchair basketball team from Cal State Long Beach at the High School.

Member Hoult suggested obtaining video or photographs from Flying Wheels to present to the school to illustrate the interaction between the team and the students.

Chair Shery received clarification regarding DAC business cards.

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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 Lee reported that Access Board was accepting comments on a guide for accessible statuary and wilderness trails.

Member Sookne announced a parent support group for children with disabilities available and she encouraged people to contact her for additional information.

Member Effros-Schwartz suggested planning a celebration to mark the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act in August 2015; she reported the passing of David Libuser, son of Steve and Carol Libuser; asked if the DAC wanted to participate in commemorating Suicide Prevention Week, September 7-15; discussed the Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Hotline; and recognizing depression and drug abuse as a disability.

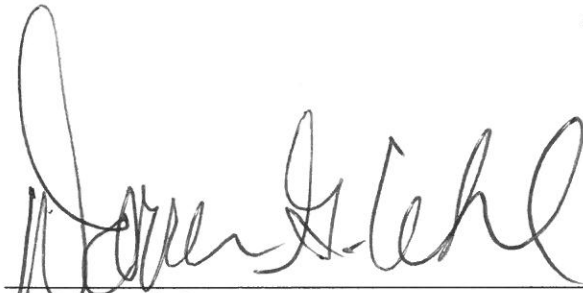
Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding actionable items; notice regarding when the City Council meeting is for Suicide Prevention Week; speaking as individuals; coordination; and other organizations expected to be present.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:15 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting in memory of Rick Hudson and David Libuser to Wednesday, October 8, 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 Shery
CHAIR of the Disability Advisory Committee, Culver City,
California

Disability Advisory Committee
August 13, 2014

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, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Martin R. Cole

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CITY CLERK

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Date