

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

December 9, 2015
6:30 P.M.

FINAL

Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:46 P.M. in the Culver City Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present: DR. JAY SHERY, Chair
DR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, Vice Chair
N. JOHN HASEGAWA, Member
DR. JANET CAMERON HOULT, Member
ALEXANDER LEE, Member
SUSAN OSBORNE, Member

Unexcused Absent: BARBARA EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, Member
MARCY SOOKNE, Member
ROBYN TENENSAP, Member

Staff Present: Darren Uhl, Disability Services
Specialist and Cindee Zisner, Part-
time Disability Program Coordinator

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Presentations

Item P-1

Informational presentation regarding AUTISM WORKS NOW! Job Placement Program from Director Susan Osborne.

Susan Osborn provided an informational presentation on a new program which will begin in Culver City on January 23, 2016 in partnership with the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department (which is providing meeting space free of charge in the Senior Center). AUTISM WORKS NOW! Provides work readiness training for young adults on the autism spectrum age 17 and older who want to learn the skills necessary to get and keep a job. Each week participants will develop such skills such as e-mail

communication, time management, proper attire, interview essentials, communication techniques, identifying career options, etc.

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

Staff Members Uhl and Zisner asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Harshall Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz was a Culver City resident and 30+ year volunteer leader of the Ministry for Persons with Disabilities who co-sponsor monthly dance events for adults with developmental disabilities in partnership with the PRCS Department.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Shery invited public comment.

No cards were received and 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 OCTOBER 14, 2015 (ABSENT MEMBERS EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, SOOKNE & TENENSAP).

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee Report

CDGB Advisory Committee delegate Lee and alternate Cameron Hoult shared the committee's two allocation recommendations for City Council. First that the maximum eligible amount be used for the social services program to partially fund the Disability & Social Services position at the Senior Center (approximately \$28,633), and secondly that remaining funds be used for a capital improvement project by the Public Works Department for the repair of damaged and sloped sidewalks and the installation of ADA-compliant wheelchair ramps and curb cuts across the city in the order of areas of greatest need (approximately \$162,225).

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the methods of reporting and prioritizing the repairs of City sidewalks. Member Cameron Hoult suggested that it may be beneficial for the DAC to provide education and feedback to the Public Works Department on this matter.

THE DAC MOVED TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE CONSISTING OF MEMBER LEE AND MEMBER CAMERON HOULT FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRACKING THE PROCESS OF AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REGARDING CDBG FUNDED SIDEWALK REPAIRS. (ABSENT MEMBERS EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, SOOKNE & TENENSAP).

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Item A-2

Review and Discussion of Disability Awareness Month Events

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, provided a highlight of statistics regarding the 13th Annual Disability Awareness Month Carnival, which included: the RSVP number of 615; actual event attendance number of 320; total of 92

event volunteers; 11 community resource organization participants; and sponsorship funding from the Culver City Senior Citizens Association, Inc. totaling 1,394.60. Chair Shery reported that the Culver City Exchange Club had provided event sponsorship support of approximately \$2,500. Member Cameron Hoult requested that staff verify the contact information for Westside Regional Center, as her attempt to send thank you notes for their event participation has been unsuccessful.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding reactions to the carnival event and possible adjustments for 2016. All those present agreed that this was quite possibly the most outstanding and smoothest running of events in all its history. New entertainment such as the marionette show, rapper, and balloon maker were all well received. Staff member Uhl reported that the Senior Center ZUMBA instructor Yvonne, had offered to lead a fun, interactive demonstration next year at the event.

Member Hasegawa mentioned a comment made at the recent Culver City Senior Citizens, Inc. (CCSCA) board meeting which implied that the Exchange Club no longer welcomed CCSCA volunteers at the carnival event. This was perplexing to Chair Shery, who clarified that they had always been partners on the event and that CCSCA volunteers would always be welcomed.

Staff member Uhl acknowledged and thanked Dr. Shery and the Culver City Exchange Club who, at the last minute, provided a donation check in the amount of \$375 to the Long Beach Flying Wheels team, making the October 23 wheelchair basketball event at Culver City High School a reality.

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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 Osborne suggested that the DAC look into the possibility of offering an event, such as an *all abilities* celebration in a park, as part of the City Centennial

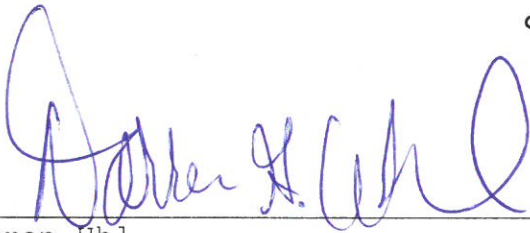
festivities. She will do research regarding the Centennial Committee and this item will be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:37 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting in memory of Harshall Schwartz to a meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Senior Center Conference Room.

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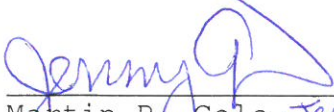
Darren Uhl
SECRETARY of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED



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

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 *Jenny Grea*
CITY CLERK

5 MAY 2016
Date