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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 8, 2026
6:30 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:31 P.M. at the Senior Center.

Members Present: Marie Albertson, Chair*
Yu-Ngok Lo, Vice Chair
Jessica Burnett, Member
Janice Goldhaber, Member
Robin Langman, Member
Shellena Leftridge, Member
Marcy Sookne, Member

*Chair Albertson joined the meeting at
6:34 P.M.

Absent: Suleman Adeyemi, Member
Robyn Tenensap, Member

Staff Present: Dani Cullens, Recreation and Community
Services Manager
Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community
Services Supervisor
Mike Odunze, Recreation and Community
Services Coordinator
Jesse Roth, Associate Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Member Sookne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Vice Chair Lo invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Marta Valdez was called to speak but was not present in person or online.

Chair Albertson joined the meeting.

Eric Rudin expressed appreciation to the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) for their work; indicated having a person with a disability living at his home; expressed concern with projects being implemented in Culver City making it less accessible; reported difficulty accessing downtown; discussed lack of accessible parking spaces for those with disabilities; felt that actions being taken were illegal and violated the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), California statutes, and federal regulations; read an excerpt from federal regulations; and he asked the DAC to advise the City Council and staff that their actions were wrong.

Jack Galanty displayed an image of a person in motion that has been adopted by other cities to replace the previously used accessibility symbol; discussed adoption of person first signage; reported being a disabled cyclist; felt that the mobility projects were important to expand mobility for all users; noted the importance of recommending bike lanes; and discussed raised bike lanes.

Rosie LaBriola indicated representing a group of residents concerned about changes being proposed with the Better Overland and Sepulveda Connects projects; felt that removing parking and installing raised bike lanes or concrete buffers did not benefit the disabled who depend upon street parking; discussed reduced accessibility for persons with disabilities, emergency vehicles, caregivers, wheelchair users, and the general public; effects to small businesses; more effective use of funding by repairing cracked sidewalks, streets, and broken streetlights as well as maintenance of existing designated bike lanes; injuries sustained by residents of Rotary Plaza from falls on damaged sidewalks; and she recommended that the City Council either scrap or significantly revise the Better Overland and Sepulveda Connects projects.

Marta Valdez expressed concern regarding the Better Overland project and its impact on seniors and disabled children; discussed inaccurate representation of full community support for the project that influenced the City Council's vote in favor of the project; concerns with loss of caregiver parking and emergency access, noting Fire Department response to the facility two to three times per week; the single accessible parking space serving the facility; and she requested that the DAC consider making a recommendation to ensure that disabled children have access to parks and playground equipment during ongoing park renovations.

Bryan Sanders was called to speak but was not present in person or online.

Carolyn Libuser discussed inadequate accessible parking and curb access with the proposed project changes; personal experience relying on rideshare drop-offs at the curb when recovering from a broken leg, and the challenges faced in temporarily assisting her elderly mother when accessible parking spaces are unavailable; noted that curb access is essential for rideshare and drop-off services for those with mobility limitations; and suggested that the City focus on revenue-generating parking infrastructure, including repair of broken parking meters and evaluation of parking fee structures, rather than reducing parking availability.

Melissa Sanders expressed concern that the DAC was not fulfilling its role as an advocacy body for persons with disabilities and the aging population; characterized the proposed changes as reducing curb and street accessibility for wheelchair users and persons with physical challenges; discussed concern that consultant data not supporting the proposed changes was being disregarded; and recommended that the DAC prioritize repair of cracked and buckled sidewalks as infrastructure that benefits all users, including cyclists and transit riders.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY MEMBER GOLDBABER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER LANGMAN THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDBERGER, LANGMAN, LEFTRIDGE,
LO, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ADEYEMI, TENENSAP

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

DAC - Approval of the Minutes for the Disability Advisory Committee Special Meeting of February 11, 2026

Marta Valdez was called to speak but indicated that she had not intended to provide comment on the item.

MOVED BY MEMBER SOOKNE AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR LO THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2026, AS WRITTEN.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDBERGER, LANGMAN, LEFTRIDGE,
LO, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ADEYEMI, TENENSAP

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Receipt and Filing of the Report from the Public Works Department Regarding Parking-Protected Bicycle Facilities

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, provided a summary of the material of record; noted that he had provided a similar presentation to the DAC two years ago; and clarified that the proposed projects were meant for all abilities.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding ADA on-street parking; designated blue zones; standard curb height in Culver City; standard space design vs. ADA designed spaces; and providing appropriate access to the sidewalk.

Chair Alberton invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Marta Valdez indicated being an occupational therapist working with seniors and children in home health and home hospital settings; described the variety of mobility devices used by her clients and community members; expressed concern that the protected bike lane design creates significant fall risk and safety hazards for persons using devices that help people with mobility issues; noted that bike lanes are used not only by traditional bicyclists but also by motorized bicycles traveling at higher speeds; cited an incident in which a student was struck by a bicyclist on the Monday preceding the meeting; noted that existing bike lanes already provide access but are in need of pothole repair; indicated she would present documentation of senior injuries from existing sidewalk conditions at a future meeting; referenced a police report showing five vehicle-versus-cyclist collisions in 2025; and she urged the Committee to defend the independence, mobility, and safety of residents with disabilities.

Eric Rudin expressed distress at failure to protect people with disabilities in the design of infrastructure improvements including the Better Overland, Sepulveda, Jefferson, and Elenda projects; described the designs as rendering entire blocks and miles of sidewalk inaccessible to persons with disabilities; questioned the proportionality

of those impacts relative to the limited number of cyclists observed at intersections; asserted that the designs are in violation of applicable law; warned that Culver City was putting itself at risk of litigation; and urged the Committee to advise the City Council that the proposed designs are ethically wrong, legally problematic, and irresponsible.

Jack Galanty discussed being a local disabled cyclist who travels exclusively by adaptive bicycle, wheelchair, or public transit; protected and sidewalk-level bike lanes as designs that expand access to residents of all abilities; new technology allowing expanded access to parking and loading zones similar to installations on the eastern section of the Robertson bus and bikeway; requested confirmation that ADA-compliant curb ramps are provided at sidewalk transition points in the Adams project, noting their absence in the project photographs; proposed that raising the bike lane to sidewalk level at those transition points could provide a seamless transition for persons using mobility devices; recommended that added signage sized to the bike lane be placed at ADA parking locations to alert cyclists and prompt reduced speeds; he felt that protected bike lanes, raised bike lanes, expanded curb ramps, and raised crosswalks collectively improved access and visibility for residents of all abilities; and urged the Committee to prioritize safe access for seniors and all mobility needs.

Bryan Sanders expressed concern with deteriorating sidewalk conditions along Overland creating accessibility and safety hazards that warrant attention before additional infrastructure changes are implemented; discussed effects of removing right turn lanes on daily travel patterns for residents; concern that building infrastructure in anticipation of future use may be coming at the expense of residents who currently depend on those streets as they function; concern about the floating curb and protected bike lane design proposed on residential streets and along Overland and Sepulveda; numerous home and business driveways requiring drivers to exit their vehicles at a distance from the curb and cross the bike lane to reach the sidewalk; additional challenges posed by motorized bicycles traveling at speeds of twenty miles per hour or more; and he urged the Committee to evaluate whether the proposed designs maintain safe, direct, and reliable access for persons with disabilities, particularly on residential streets with frequent driveway access points.

Carolyn Libuser expressed concern with impacts of proposed changes with the Better Overland Project on traffic; discussed harm to residents with the loss of parking; retention of parking in the Los Angeles-controlled segment; affects to turning movements; the intent to slow driving; she noted that the project would help bicycles but not the disabled or community members who drive; and she encouraged community members to review the project plans on the City website to familiarize themselves with the design details.

Melissa Sanders discussed strong concern about the project's impacts on residents with physical disabilities; lack of concern expressed by staff for difficulties caused; misleading statements; proposed changes as making traffic worse and reducing access for those with physical challenges; creating potential heightened fall risk with a four-inch step height at certain transition points rather than standard six-inch steps; difficulty posed by such transitions for persons using oxygen tanks; existing sidewalks in need of repair; she proposed adding lighting and noted that refreshed paint in bike lanes would be a simpler alternative; urged the Committee to hold City staff accountable for accurately representing the project's impacts; asked the City to focus on things that would help the community; noted that the changes would not address climate change; cautioned against making Sony angry by removing parking for their trucks; and she called on the Committee to reject the project as incompatible with the needs of residents with disabilities.

Kira Pusch noted that she is not a person with a disability; acknowledged the lived experiences described by prior speakers; expressed support for the intent of the meeting to ensure that proposed streetscape changes accommodate all users; discussed her support for the elimination of slip lanes as a measure that improves safety for drivers, cyclists, and persons with disabilities; indicated that sidewalk maintenance and streetscape improvements were not mutually exclusive; acknowledged that traffic calming measures are designed to reduce vehicle speeds; and she suggested that paint markings could be used to clarify entry points to protected bike lanes from unprotected segments to improve navigation for all users, particularly cyclists transitioning from the street to a protected lane.

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, displayed a physical sample of the four-inch floating island curb for visual reference.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding concern that the floating island design presents significant accessibility barriers for users of motorized wheelchairs and wheelchair-accessible vans; lateral clearance required for van ramps to deploy that the floating island configuration does not accommodate; concern that cyclists in a protected bike lane may be unable to stop in time when a pedestrian with slower processing speed steps through a gap between the island and the travel lane; current insufficient numbers of legally designated accessible parking spaces to meet actual community need, leaving many people with disabilities dependent on standard on-street parking; the view that a raised bike lane is the only approach that adequately addresses wheelchair accessibility; the design's applicability to standard versus designated accessible spaces; standard on-street parking stalls as not subject to the ADA clear aisle requirement applicable to designated accessible stalls; department intent to raise the bike lane to sidewalk level in areas retaining on-street parking where the budget permits; the Ballona Creek to Freshman segment funded through the Phase 2 grant as an example; providing blue zones in response to community requests, including two zones on Farragut Avenue and a loading zone on Franklin Avenue to support Grace Lutheran Church's Meals on Wheels operation; and clarification that the feedback provided was being recorded.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the series of transitions required to reach the sidewalk as creating too many compounding hazards for a person being assisted by a caregiver; consideration of feedback on expansion of the floating island element to the full width of the buffer rather than only a portion of it; the narrower format selected to preserve an open gap for users who may prefer not to step on the surface; and input on whether that trade-off should be reconsidered.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding visually impaired users; significant concern about the floating island curb as a hazard that would be difficult to detect and easy to trip over or catch a foot on; appreciation for the forthcoming addition of auditory signals at crosswalks as a long-overdue improvement; and general lack of support for the overall project design as crossing a protected bike lane is a frightening prospect for a person

with vision loss, particularly given the prevalence of high-speed motorized bicycles.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding feedback provided on related projects at prior meetings; general support for bicycle lanes; specific concern with the style of the protected bicycle facility being proposed; the experience of crossing a protected bike lane for those with visual impairment as comparable to walking across a major freeway; speed and unpredictability of motorized bicycles; older adults with reduced mobility speed and limited ability to perceive oncoming cyclists; concern with lack of incorporation of prior Committee feedback into the current design; and the design as creating a disorienting environment that presents serious and compounded barriers for persons with disabilities.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding broader concern that longtime community members who depend on street parking to access their homes and receive caregivers, family, and community groups appear to be disproportionately affected by the cumulative impact of recent infrastructure changes; a request for data on accident rates and litigation exposure for comparable projects in Santa Monica that produced unintended consequences including increased accidents, reduced cyclist usage of the dedicated lanes, and accessibility challenges at nursing homes and assisted living facilities; whether the projected environmental and mode-shift benefits are achievable at the scale intended; transparency with residents about whether Planning decisions are oriented toward preserving the existing community culture or toward attracting new development.

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, noted his inability to speak to politics and policy decisions; acknowledged validity of points raised; recognized concern about unintended consequences in comparable projects; described specific design features intended to mitigate risk, including a sloped front nose on the floating island to prevent tire penetration, and the reduction of the step height from six inches to four inches; extensive outreach conducted over two years reflecting the department's commitment to a deliberate and thoughtful process; efforts to accommodate concerns while moving forward with the mandate from the City; and he invited any Committee Member interested in joining him for a field

visit to review the recent Adams Boulevard installation of a floating island and share feedback directly.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding confirmation that the project's depictions of retained parking were consistent with the full scope of the Better Overland Project and that through-traffic lanes would be maintained; removal of parking on the west side of Overland from Venice to Culver in Phase 1 while retaining parking on the east side; removal of parking on one side of the street in subsequent phases per a City Council decision made earlier in the year; the absence of approved or funded phases proposing removal of parking on both sides of the street; confirmation that Overland would retain two through-traffic lanes in each direction; strong opposition to the project's impact on persons with disabilities; tripping hazards with raised curb elements regardless of step height for people with mobility needs; doubt that anticipated ridership benefits justify the accessibility costs; low observed usage of similar facilities in other cities; concern with negative impact to the disabled community; insufficient accessible parking required by the code; the ability to add blue zones; and concern that the design was developed without adequate wheelchair-user input during the design phase.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a four-inch raised curb as an insurmountable obstacle when pushing a loaded manual wheelchair; deterring persons with disabilities from accessing their community; frequent use of the word "step" in the presentation as a concept that does not apply to wheelchair users or many other mobility device users; looking at how a passenger dropped off by a wheelchair-accessible ride-service vehicle would navigate from the vehicle to the sidewalk; a suggestion that staff rent a manual or motorized wheelchair for use during the proposed field visit in order to experience the design firsthand alongside Committee Members; and the importance of lived experience.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding concern with prioritizing bicycle users, aesthetics, and maintenance over people who have accessibility needs; acknowledgment of concerns and the wide range of mobility needs; looking at other ways to address issues; accommodation options; the five-foot-wide gaps provided at each standard parking space as an attempt to reduce the number of users who would need to traverse the

curb; the approach for van-accessible designated spaces as providing a wide clear aisle and a marked crossing to a newly constructed curb ramp, with the option of raising the full length of bike lane adjacent to the space to bring the landing area to sidewalk level; and the cost-prohibitive preferred accessible design of raising the bike lane due to drainage and infrastructure implications.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding location of blue zones either adjacent to an existing corner curb ramp or a newly constructed ramp and a marked crossing of the bike lane; options for meeting ADA requirements; a wheelchair van user who was unable to find a usable accessible space on Venice Boulevard due to insufficient ramp clearance; a suggestion that the DAC offer barrier awareness training and mobility device demonstrations to provide staff with direct experiential understanding of traveling through the community as a person with a disability; workable protected bicycle lane implementations in Europe; changes the City is undergoing; emergence of new uses and populations; and the need for advocacy for solutions that acknowledge all existing community members, including those who travel exclusively on foot or with mobility assistance.

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, accepted the invitation to participate in barrier awareness activities; reiterated the open invitation for Committee Members to visit the Adams Boulevard installation; indicated that he would do what he could to address issues; and requested that field visit coordination be directed through City staff to ensure compliance with applicable open meeting requirements.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Brown Act requirements; arranging visits in groups of four or less; a reminder to route correspondence regarding the field visit through the Committee Secretary; prior precedent for informal site visits; a previous meeting on the Better Overland and Safer Fox Hills projects; available avenues for community members who wish to raise concerns; the reporting chain; and appreciation for the presentation and for openness to receiving Committee feedback.

MOVED BY MEMBER GOLDBABER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER LANGMAN THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REGARDING PARKING-PROTECTED BICYCLE FACILITIES.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDBERGER, LANGMAN, LEFTRIDGE,
LO, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ADEYEMI, TENENSAP

Chair Albertson thanked everyone who provided comment on the item.

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Item A-2

Drafting of an Events Plan for Disability Awareness Month in October 2026

Chair Albertson invited public input.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

Marta Valdez expressed interest in greater community involvement in serving residents with disabilities; observed a decline in resources addressing the disability community; and she reported coordinating a group of physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech therapists who regularly volunteer at a children's hospital and wanted to direct that group's efforts toward City programming.

Chair Albertson confirmed that volunteers are enthusiastically welcomed, and she directed Ms. Valdez to Mike Odunze at the Culver City Senior Center as the appropriate point of contact for volunteer coordination.

Mike Odunze, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator, presented planned October 2026 programming for Disability Awareness Month; discussed the the annual Abilities Carnival and Resource Fair proposed for Sunday, October 4th, with the goal of making the event larger and more impactful than in prior years; and he provided his contact information as mike.odunze@culvercity.org and 310-253-6716 for those wishing to volunteer or offer programming suggestions.

Mike Odunze, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator, described additional October programming including: Boo on Your Doorstep; the City Council proclamation and commendation

honoring outstanding disability services in the community; the monthly community group dance; the Disability Awareness Month display case at the Julian Dixon Library; movie night; the annual wheelchair basketball game demonstration at Culver City High School (CCHS) with the Los Angeles Hot Wheels; and he noted that the department is exploring the addition of an adaptive skate workshop as a new programming element for October, with further details to follow as conversations with potential partner organizations continue.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding continued work of the ad hoc subcommittee to refine the plan and provide a final version expected to be presented in September; a suggestion to explore whether Leaps and Boundz or a similar organization could return to the Abilities Carnival with active participatory programming; interest in the newly introduced group of occupational therapists and physical therapists as a potential resource for that type of programming; looking at age-appropriate activities for older participants; exploration of having service animals in training and puppy raisers at the Carnival; longstanding interest in expanding disability awareness education into local schools; effective disability awareness presentations conducted with Girl Scout groups; and positive feedback from parents of children with disabilities who appreciated participants speaking directly to their children.

Member Goldhaber indicated that she would help Member Sookne with the Julian Dixon Library display case.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding collaboration with local organizations; openness to suggestions for programming for older audiences; offering an alternative to showing a movie; agendizing a broader discussion about community disability awareness education for school-age and young adult audiences; individuals with guide dogs available to present in school settings; donations; a suggestion to host another "Ask Me About ADA" informational booth at the Carnival as was done the prior year; providing attendees with information on ADA and California accessibility code requirements in an interactive format; previous positive engagement; inclusion of adult-appropriate competitive games such as bingo or accessible trivia with multiple winners; prior programming that has been more oriented toward younger participants; outreach to Bridge OT; expanding representation of disability

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types to include developmental disabilities and mental health disabilities in disability awareness programming; and the primary historical focus of the committee on physical and sensory accessibility.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding limited Committee influence over programming within Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) as school-based training decisions fall within the district's purview; the established wheelchair basketball game demonstration as a recognized assembly activity with a different relationship to the Committee; staff agreement to make another inquiry after a prior unsuccessful outreach attempt to Leaps and Boundz; scheduling conflicts; encouragement to Committee Members and volunteers to share contact information for organizations or individuals with staff; exploration of partnership opportunities with local occupational therapy and physical therapy organizations; openness to any suggestions for age-appropriate programming at the Carnival; and Committee consensus was confirmed on the proposed date of Sunday, October 4th for the Abilities Carnival and Resource Fair.

MOVED BY MEMBER SOOKNE AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLDBERGER THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: APPROVE THE DRAFT EVENTS PLAN FOR DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH IN OCTOBER 2026, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDBERGER, LANGMAN, LEFTRIDGE,
LO, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ADEYEMI, TENESAP

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding continued work of the ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Members Leftridge, Sookne and Tenensap to develop the detailed events plan; presentation of the final plan expected to the Committee in September; and a reminder that those interested in joining the ad hoc subcommittee would have the opportunity to make their wishes known in August when subcommittees are reconstituted.

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Item A-3

(1) Review of the Disability Advisory Committee's (DAC) Commendation Nomination and Voting Process for Disability Awareness Month; and (2) Approval of the Proposed Timeline for the DAC's 2026 Nomination and Voting for the Commendation

Chair Albertson invited public input.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

Marta Valdez indicated that she had signed up to speak on multiple agenda items without yet being familiar with the Committee's procedures; noted that she did not have substantive comments on the current item; confirmed that she had left comments in the meeting chat and had provided her contact information to Mike Odunze; expressed appreciation for the Committee and its work; and she confirmed her intention to reach out to colleagues including physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and orthotists about volunteer opportunities with the committee's programming.

Chair Albertsson thanked Ms. Valdez for her participation and expressed the Committee's enthusiasm for her future involvement.

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, provided a summary of the material of record and an overview of the proposed 2026 Disability Advisory Committee commendation nomination form and timeline.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding proposed amendments to the nomination form; factors to take into consideration when considering different nominees; including questions to establish the nominee's connection to Culver City through residency, employment, or volunteer service, and whether the nominee had previously been honored by the City Council within the last five years.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding consideration of how the form addresses service rendered to Culver City residents versus service by businesses operating within the City; inclusion of the nominee's address and the percentage of clients served in Culver City on the existing form; adding current introductory language from the award's marketing materials to the top of the nomination form that would convey the significance of

the award and provide context for potential nominators; and support for including a list of past recipients within the introductory section to provide nominators with a frame of reference and further recognize prior honorees.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding appropriate phrasing; use of language such as "to your knowledge, has your nominee been honored by City Council in the last five years?"; the possibility of allowing nominators to submit optional supplemental materials, such as photographs, video clips, or links to social media, as an alternative or supplement to written responses to broaden access to the nomination process for individuals who may express themselves more effectively through non-written formats; the form system; support of optional uploads; and the need to add disclosure language to the form to inform nominators that submissions become part of the published public record.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the inability to ask whether a person is disabled; asking what barriers the nominee has had to overcome in serving the community to invite nominators to provide relevant context about their nominee without requiring direct disclosure of disability status; revising the existing question "Why should the nominee receive the recognition?" to request two or three specific examples of the nominee's work, in order to elicit more substantive responses in place of general characterizations; concern that the process is not rigorous enough; concern that requesting a reference would be setting the bar too high; the person making the nomination as being the reference; adding a request for a resume or artifact of experience or service; neuro-diverse individuals who are often at the forefront of technology; opening the platform to those who express themselves differently; allowing for those who are not verbal or do not write essays; past awards presented to cognitively disabled individuals; clarification that the person making the nomination may not have access to materials; the feeling that a person nominating someone else is not going to be dishonest about that person's accomplishments; and due diligence done by staff.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the small number of applications received in the past; keeping the form simple to remove barriers; requiring

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more specific information; difficulty of getting a sample of people to look at; and the vague application received last year that precluded a worthy person from being selected.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding agreed upon amendments to the nomination form for Committee confirmation, including: the addition of an introductory paragraph with a list of past recipients and an explanation of the award; a question regarding residency in or service to individuals with disabilities in Culver City; a question asking whether the nominee has previously been honored by City Council in the last five years; a question asking what barriers the nominee has had to overcome; a revision to the recognition question requesting two or three specific examples; and an option for nominators to submit supplemental materials including photographs, video, or social media links, with a notice that all submitted materials become part of the public record.

MOVED BY MEMBER SOOKNE AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURNETT THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: APPROVE THE AMENDED 2026 DAC COMMENDATION NOMINATION FORM AND TIMELINE AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDBABER, LANGMAN, LEFTRIDGE,
LO, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ADEYEMI, TENENSAP

Member Goldhaber indicated that she had wanted to discuss promotion of the awards, and she agreed to send an email.

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Item A-4

Receipt and Filing of Updates from the Members of the Disability Advisory Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Chair Albertson reported that no updates were available as the 2028 Summer Olympics Preparation Ad Hoc Subcommittee had not convened since the prior meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding support for retaining the Architectural Barriers Program Ad Hoc Subcommittee in connection with the upcoming

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Abilities Carnival; the recommendation to dissolve the Subcommittee as it had achieved its purpose of planning the Architectural Barriers Program that had been completed in February; the separate ADA-related request that arose subsequently; support for dissolution of the AARP Age-Friendly Communities Culver City Action Plan Ad Hoc Subcommittee as the project associated with that Subcommittee is currently on hold, with the understanding that it could be reconstituted if and when the project is reactivated; no updates were available for the Disability Awareness Month Advisory Ad Hoc Subcommittee that had not yet met; and the People First Language and Disability Etiquette Ad Hoc Subcommittee had not convened so no updates were available.

MOVED BY MEMBER BURNETT AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLDBERGER THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: DISSOLVE THE ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS PROGRAM AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE AARP AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES CULVER CITY ACTION PLAN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDBERGER, LANGMAN, LEFTRIDGE,
LO, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ADEYEMI, TENENSAP

Member Sookne requested that a future agenda item be added to discuss the formation of a new ADA-focused Subcommittee to address accessibility concerns within Culver City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the requirement that ad hoc subcommittees have a specific, defined task in order to be properly constituted; the broad scope as described; and staff agreement to work with the Committee Member to identify a sufficiently specific purpose if the item is to be pursued further.

Chair Albertson noted that because no substantive updates were provided by any of the active ad hoc subcommittees, no vote to receive and file was required for the agenda item.

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Item A-5

Receipt and Filing of the Disability Advisory Committee 2026 Meeting Calendar and the Upcoming Agenda Items List, With Adjustments, If Any

Jesse Roth, Associate Analyst, discussed upcoming agenda items and meeting dates.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a request to add further discussion of Disability Awareness Month to the June 10 meeting agenda; the importance of having the item formally agendized to allow any Member to raise new ideas; a request that a future agenda item be added to discuss how the DAC might more specifically and intentionally incorporate mental health into its Disability Awareness Month outreach and related community engagement activities, in order to give voice to community members with mental health diagnoses who have not historically been included within the scope of disability awareness programming; a suggestion to fold the mental health discussion into the Disability Awareness Month agenda item already being added for June; and a suggestion to incorporate a concrete proposal related to mental health outreach into Committee work plan goals for the upcoming fiscal year when drafting the biannual report and accompanying goals at the June meeting.

MOVED BY MEMBER GOLDBER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURNETT THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: RECEIVE AND FILE THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2026 MEETING CALENDAR AND UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDBER, LANGMAN, LEFTRIDGE,
LO, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ADEYEMI, TENENSAP

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Albertson invited public comment.

Jesse Roth, Associate Analyst, indicated no requests to speak had been received.

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Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Member Goldhaber reported that she would be unable to attend the June 10 meeting due to travel.

Chair Albertson shared information regarding accessibility ticket options for the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games; noted that in addition to standard seating and wheelchair-accessible seating, a third category of seating for individuals with limited mobility, such as those who use walkers or canes, is available and would be offered in the second ticket drop; and she encouraged members and the public to be aware of the option when selecting tickets.

Jesse Roth, Associate Analyst, announced the annual recruitment to fill vacancies on Culver City's Commissions, Boards, and Committees (CBCs) with applications accepted online at culvercity.gov/serve through Monday, May 11, 2026; discussed open positions across the CBCs; the focus on outreach to youth, with dedicated youth representative positions currently available on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee; noted two vacancies on the DAC; additional information available online or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (310) 253-5851; and she received agreement from the Committee to adjourn in memory of Dr. Jay Shery.

Dani Cullens, Recreation and Community Services Manager, introduced herself to the DAC noting previous service as the manager overseeing the Committee; reported that the position is currently vacant; and indicated she had attended the meeting to provide support to staff and the Committee.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:43 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned in memory of Dr. Jay Shery to a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

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Jesse Roth
SECRETARY of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED

Marie Albertson
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.

Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK

Date