

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

February 11, 2015
6:30 P.M.

FINAL

Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:32 P.M. in the Culver City Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present:

DR. JAY SHERY, Chair
ALEXANDER LEE, Vice Chair
DR. JANET CAMERON HOULT, Member
N. JOHN HASEGAWA, Member
DR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, Member*
SUSAN OSBORNE, Member
MARCY SOOKNE, Member

Member Montgomery* arrived at
6:42 P.M.

Absent:

BARBARA EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, Member
ROBYN TENENSAP, Member

Staff Present:

Darren Uhl, Disability Services
Specialist
Art Ida, Transportation Director
Jim B. Clarke, Council Member

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PRESENTATIONS

Item P-1

**Informational presentation from Culver City Transportation
Director Art Ida**

Art Ida, Transportation Director, discussed changes to Access Services, provided background on the organization; discussed the involvement of multiple operations; the tri-annual audit; the no-show policy; cancellation policies; origin to destination; consideration of passenger condition; level of disability; eliminating the need for

drivers to make determinations about ability of the passenger to be moved; community outreach; passenger concern with being left alone in the vehicle while the driver picks up other passengers; logistics; dynamic fares; changes to regulations; fixed route fares; the creation of an ad hoc committee to address issues and changes; concern with material effects to customers; and he indicated that he serves on the Board of Access Services.

Discussion ensued between staff and Board Members regarding the base distance of the ride being configured; the 20-mile radius; cost per trip; subscriptions; confusion with multiple routes; distance based fares; medical appointments; shared vs. private rides; fares for the blind; City Council direction; the time frame for changes; the unique nature of the Los Angeles transportation system; information available on the Access Services website; and public outreach meetings.

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

Member Osborne announced an event to promote a vocational training program at a professional horse ranch in Solvang on February 28, and an event on May 20 by Autism Movement Therapy Group featuring Temple Grandin and Friends regarding Employment for Adults with Autism at Club Nokia.

Member Hoult discussed meetings with Arteco and the Public Works Department; issues with trees and sidewalks; rubber sidewalks; easier access for the disabled; and the potential for litigation if someone is injured.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Shery invited public comment.

Jim B. Clarke indicated that the City Council appreciated the work being done by the Committee.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2014 AS SUBMITTED (ABSENT MEMBERS EFFROS-SCHWARTZ AND TENNENSAP).

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Action Items

Item A-1

Administration of the Oath of Office to New Committee Member N. John Hasegawa

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, administered the Oath of Office to N. John Hasegawa to serve in Office #3 of the Disability Advisory Committee.

Member Hasegawa provided background on himself noting that he wanted to make a contribution and help others.

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Item A-2

Invitation to Commissions, Committees, and Boards to Provide Comment during the City's Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget Process

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT (ABSENT MEMBERS EFFROS-SCHWARTZ AND TENNENSAP).

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Item A-3

Discussion Regarding Sending a Letter of Support to City Council Advocating for Funding and Contracting a Home Modification Program for At-Risk, Low Income Residents

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding allocating funds to home modification for low-income seniors or people with disabilities; specific program proposals for home modifications for Culver City residents; taking a tour of the Westside Center; and information provided.

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION TO REQUEST THAT THE CITY COUNCIL INVITE THE WESTSIDE CENTER TO PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON PROVIDING HOME MODIFICATION FOR AT RISK RESIDENTS, LOW INCOME RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (ABSENT MEMBERS EFFROS-SCHWARTZ AND TENNENSAP).

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist and Chair Shery agreed to work on the language for the letter to be sent to the City Council.

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Item A-4

Disability Film Series

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding available dates for the next Disability Film series event, and scheduling a subcommittee meeting.

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Item A-5

Update Regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, reported that the Assisted Listening/Hearing Loop System was being installed in all the meeting rooms at the Senior Center as well as in Council Chambers as part of the renovations, and he noted the potential for a change to the Disability Advisory Committee meeting location.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding CDBG funding decisions.

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Item A-6

Discussion Regarding Plans for Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification that any events would have to be budget neutral; clarification that space is available; staff support for marketing; adding an educational element; past commemorations of the ADA; and commendations in October.

Council Member Clarke suggested a City Council proclamation and resolution near the anniversary with a presentation to the City Council by the Committee.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding coordination with other Southern California ADA activities; local activities; expanding the regular monthly event for adults with disabilities; inviting someone from the ADA to speak; the Special Olympics; scheduling; publicity; educating students about the ADA; a community barbeque event in July; and raising community awareness through celebrating the anniversary.

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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 Montgomery received clarification regarding funded projects and curb cuts.

Member Hoult suggested that a discussion of implementing a program with Didi Hirsch and the High School be placed on a future agenda.

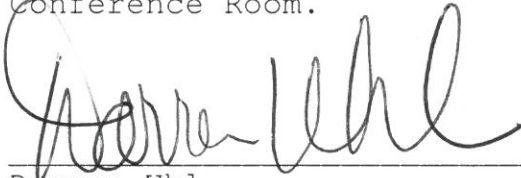
Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding tying in suicide prevention with anti-bullying; the current anti-bullying program; the Youth Health Center at the High School and Middle School; awareness; availability of services; and appreciation for the Exchange Club funding of the anti-bullying signage for Parks, Recreation and Community Services programs.

Member Sookne reported hearing Ron Susskind speak about his book, *Life, Animated* noting that his message was to connect to your child through their affinity.

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Adjournment

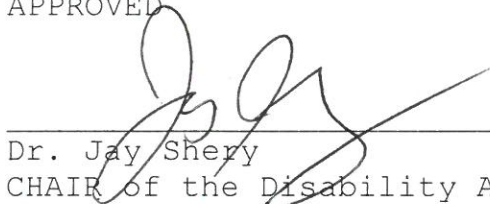
There being no further business, at 7:32 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Senior Center Conference Room.



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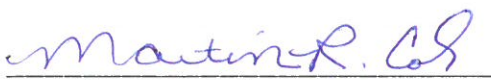
Darren Uhl
SECRETARY of the Disability Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

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
CITY CLERK

24 JUN 2015
Date