

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

October 13, 2010
6:15 P.M.

FINAL

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:20 P.M. in the Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present: Dr. Jay Shery, Chairperson
Barbara Effros-Schwartz, Vice Chair
Karen Hassan, Member
Dr. Robert Montgomery, Member
Robyn Tenesap, Member
Neil Rubenstein, Member
Monique Watts, Member
Absent Excused: N/A
Absent Unexcused: N/A
Staff Present: Darren Uhl, *Disability Services Specialist,*
Cindee Zisner, *Part-Time Program Staff*
Also Present: Marcy Sookne, *Girl Scouts Representative and Member*
of Disability Awareness Month Planning Committee,
Sean Yee, *Program Volunteer,*
Andrew Sotelo & Jo-Anne Cooper,
Presenters from CCUSC

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Approval of Minutes of the August 11, 2010 Meeting

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE
PREVIOUS MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2010.

Receipt of Correspondence

None.

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

No speaker cards were submitted.

Audience Participation for Items on the Agenda

No speaker cards were submitted.

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Presentation Items

Item P-1

Andrew Sotelo, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and Jo-Anne Cooper, Assistant Director of Special Education, shared information regarding Special Education programs within Culver City Unified School District. They serve youth from age three to 22. In 2009 the district had a total of 6,700 students. Currently they have identified 634 students as special needs. CCUSC has a focus on preschool support and early identification and assistance to families with very young children with special needs.

Robyn Tenesap informed the CCUSC staff that she worked for the state Department of Rehabilitation and that she would be happy to assist in finding job placements for their students who have disabilities and that T.P.P.T. grant funding would soon be available. Monique Watts shared that her son graduated three years ago and that "transition services" provided by CCUSD were lacking. Barbara Effros-Schwartz echoed these sentiments based on her experience with inadequate services assisting graduating young adults transitioning to secondary education or job programs.

Ms. Cooper stated that the school district had stepped up their level of service for transitional planning within the past two years. She also shared that she has an open door policy and would be happy to meet with any member of the DAC or other community members. She explicitly invited and encouraged interested DAC members to attend a new CCUSC Disability District Advisory group meeting which will be held on November 4.

Neil Rubenstein asked about incidents of bullying within the schools. Ms. Cooper shared that three years ago, an anti-bullying initiative began which included training for teachers. Bullying of students with disabilities does not seem to be an issue; in fact, three years ago a student with autism was elected homecoming king. In 2009 there were only 40 reports of bullying made--none of which were very serious. She shared that, at this time, gay and lesbian students seemed be the biggest target for bullying.

Agenda Items

Item A-1

Update Regarding Pedestrian Crossing Signal at
Buckingham/Sumner.

Monique Watts, who lives near the crossing, stated that her expectations had been exceeded. All work is nearly complete including installation of signal poles, electrical work, and a handicap ramp on the west side of Buckingham.

Item A-2

Discussion Regarding Expansion of the Number of DAC
Appointees.

After discussion, the following motion was made by Neil Rubenstein and seconded by Barbara Effros-Schwartz:
Recommendation to City Council that the Disability Advisory Committee expand from seven (7) members to nine (9) members.
Motion carried.

Item A-3

Discussion and Motion for Appointment of Representative and
Alternate to the C.D.B.G. Committee.

After discussion, the following motion was made by Neil Rubenstein and seconded by Karen Hassan:
Appoint Robert Montgomery as the Representative and Monique Watts as the Alternate to the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee.
Motion carried.

Item A-4

Discussion Regarding Potential CDBG Projects for
Recommendation to City Council.

After discussion, the following motion was made by Barbara Effros-Schwartz and seconded by Monique Watts, with priority specification for CDBG funding proposals:

1. Recommend funding the salary for the Disability Services Specialist to the full extent allowable
2. Recommend installation of auditory loop system at multiple locations within city facilities, pending the ability of DAC members and staff to gain a comprehensive and accurate bid proposal from a company which specializes in the technology no later than November 2.

3. Recommend using funding to provide disaster/emergency preparedness training for disabled residents and caregivers along with backpacks which would be filled with related supplies.

Motion carried.

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Items from Staff & Other Business

Darren Uhl led a discussion regarding final planning, details, and assignments for the 8th Annual Carnival for Children with Disabilities held on Sunday, October 24. The event is coordinated by staff from Culver City PRCS Department and made possible through volunteer efforts and donations from community members, businesses, and organizations. Key partners include: Culver City Senior Citizens Association, Culver City Exchange Club, Culver City Girls Scouts, and Culver City Disability Advisory Committee members.

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Future Agenda Items

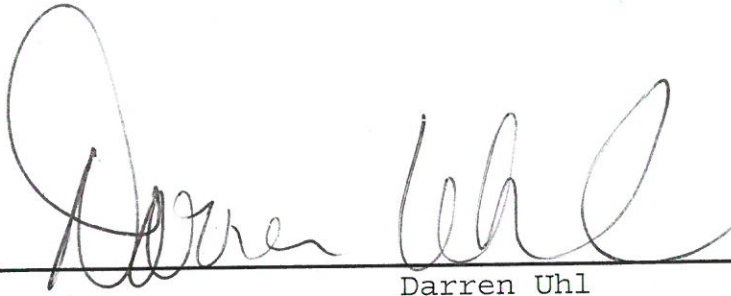
The following suggestions were made: 1) Update from Sean Yee on UCLA Partnership Project regarding Physical and Recreational Activity and Youth with Special Needs; 2) Update Regarding CDBG Project Proposals & Committee Process; 3) Appointment of New DAC Chair and Vice Chair; 4) Final Update Regarding Pedestrian Crossing Signal at Buckingham & Sumner; 5) Recap of Disability Awareness Month Events.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:30 p.m., the DAC adjourned to the next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 6:15 pm.

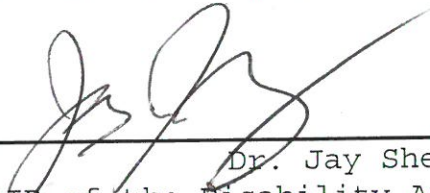
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Darren Uhl

Staff SECRETARY of the Disability Advisory Committee

APPROVED 12-8-10



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

Date

By: _____
Ela Valladares, City Clerk