

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

December 13, 2023
6:30 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:20 P.M. at the Senior Center.

Members Present: Jorge Alvarez, Chair
Janice Goldhaber, Vice Chair
Shellena Leftridge, Member
Lisette Palley, Member
Marcy Sookne, Member

Absent: Dr. Janet Cameron Hoult, Member
Robert Lucero, Member
Robyn Tenensap, Member
Ketsha Thompson, Member

Staff Present: Francisca Castillo, Recreation and Community Services Manager
Mike Odunze, Social and Disability Services Coordinator
Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor
Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator
Adam Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst
Jesse Roth, Associate Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Alvarez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

are vacated; Performing Arts facilities; the auditorium; sizes of proposed performance venues; the ability to scale the plans to make a more affordable project; the plan as a framework for discussion; setting goals for future generations; resident feedback; strategic long-term thinking on how to make things more livable and accessible for all; determining the kind of City residents want to live in; difficulty visualizing the plans; creating a flexible Lego-type design; use of sales tax vs. property tax; corporations in the City that have a stake in the City; private dollars after the City has put in the effort; cost options; aging buildings that are not code compliant; money spent every year to level the field; facilities that may not survive; facilities that are underperforming; and reducing energy costs with the improvements.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR GOLDBABER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER LEFTRIDGE THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE THE PRESENTATION FROM JOHNSON FAVARO.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDBABER, LEFTRIDGE, PALLEY, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: HOULT, LUCERO, TENENSAP, THOMPSON

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Presentations

Item P-1

Presentation from the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department Regarding the "Introduction to People-First Language Disability Etiquette and ADA Accessibility" Handout

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, provided a presentation regarding a brochure created for distribution to staff regarding People First Language; noted that the basic brochure for frontline staff was not intended to serve as training, but rather as a first step; training planned in February; and she encouraged the DAC to email any feedback to staff by January 10, 2024.

Item A-2

DAC - Receipt and Filing of the Report Regarding the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's (PRCS) Programming for Disability Awareness Month

Mike Odunze, Social and Disability Services Coordinator, provided a presentation on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's programming for Disability Awareness month and he thanked the volunteers and those who donated to events.

Member Sookne requested staff distribute the spreadsheet of carnival games from this year's Abilities and Resources Carnival to DAC Members as a means of generating new ideas for games at next year's event.

MOVED BY MEMBER PALLEY AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SOOKNE THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT REGARDING THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S (PRCS) PROGRAMMING FOR DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDBABER, LEFTRIDGE, PALLEY, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: HOULT, LUCERO, TENENSAP, THOMPSON

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Item A-3

DAC - (1) Drafting of a Disability Advisory Committee Biannual Report to the City Council, Including Accomplishments During the Period July Through December 2023, and Update on Upcoming Plans for 2024; and (2) Authorization of Transmittal of the Report to the City Council.

Chair Alvarez introduced the item.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding staff recommendations; performers at the Carnival; the schedule of activities; organizations involved; volunteers; encouragement for DAC Members to volunteer or attend events and provide feedback; work with City staff on

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Item A-4

DAC - (1) Approval of a Letter from the Disability Advisory Committee to the Culver City Julian Dixon Library with updates, if any; and (2) Authorization of Transmittal of the Letter to the Culver City Julian Dixon Library

Chair Alvarez introduced the item.

Member Sookne expressed appreciation for the welcoming attitude and graciousness of Kelly Conn. Manager of the Julian Dixon Library; discussed handouts; the importance of alerting people about available resources; free evaluation and services available from the Regional Center; and services and evaluation available from the School District.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding representation of the entire Disability Advisory Committee.

MOVED BY CHAIR ALVAREZ AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GOLDHABER THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. APPROVE THE LETTER FROM THE DAC TO THE CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY AS WRITTEN; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE TRANSMITTAL TO THE CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDHABER, LEFTRIDGE, PALLEY, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: HOULT, LUCERO, TENENSAP, THOMPSON

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Item A-5

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

Chair Alvarez introduced the item.

a new function; clarification that ad hoc committees are formed for a very specific purpose with a beginning, middle, and end; the inability to form a general ad hoc subcommittee; consideration of generalized items by the Committee as a whole; ensuring that agendas are specific so that the public knows what is being considered; ideas for subcommittees vs. formation of subcommittees; a suggestion to retain the subcommittee and meet to discuss the specific goal within the current framework and then provide an update to the full Committee at the next meeting; and ensuring that a purpose is identified rather than an idea.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR GOLDBABER AND SECONDED BY CHAIR ALVAREZ THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: DISSOLVE THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOCUSED ON THE ARTS BY AND FOR THE DISABLED.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDBABER, LEFTRIDGE, PALLEY, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
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Item A-7

DAC - Receipt and Filing of the Disability Advisory Committee 2024 Meeting Calendar and the Upcoming Agenda Items List, With Adjustments, If Any

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding upcoming meeting dates; agreement to cancel the meeting scheduled for February 14, 2024 and schedule a special meeting on February 21, 2024.

MOVED BY CHAIR ALVAREZ AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GOLDBABER THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE THE UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS LIST AS AMENDED TO CANCEL THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2024 AND CALL A SPECIAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2024.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDBABER, LEFTRIDGE, PALLEY, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: HOULT, LUCERO, TENENSAP, THOMPSON

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:22 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned to a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

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

APPROVED 02/21/2024



Jorge Alvarez
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