

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

September 7, 2011
6:15 P.M.

FINAL

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:16 P.M. in the Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present: Dr. Jay Shery, Chairperson
Robyn Tenesap, Member
Dr. Robert Montgomery
Monique Watts, Member
Neil Rubenstein, Member
Grace Elliott, Member
Absent Unexcused: Barbara Effros-Schwartz, Vice Chair
Staff Present: Armando Abrego, *Senior & Social Service Manager*
Darren Uhl, *Disability Services Specialist*
Cindee Zisner, *Instructor of Programs for People with Disabilities*

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Approval of Minutes of the June 8, 2011 Meeting

DAC PASSED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2011.

Receipt of Correspondence

None.

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

Audience Participation for Items on the Agenda

Cindee Zisner submitted a card to comment on item 6 C. Ms. Zisner shared that, from her personal experience at the concerts as a caregiver to a disabled wheelchair user, she witnessed arguments and altercations arising from disabled people bringing a large number of family members to sit together with them in the designated disabled seating area, taking up a lot of the space limited area.

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Presentation Items

Item P-1

A planned presentation by DAC Vice Chair, Barbara Effros-Schwartz, did not take place as she was absent unexcused.

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Agenda Items

Robyn Tenesap made a motion, seconded by Robert Montgomery, to add an urgent agenda item, brought forth after the agenda had posted, of appointing a representative and alternate to the CDBG Advisory Committee. Motion carries.

Neil Rubenstein then made a motion, seconded by Robyn Tenesap, to place the new item on the agenda as item 6 G. Motion carries.

Item A

Discussion/Motion of Appointment of DAC Chair & Vice Chair.
Neil Rubenstein moved and Monique Watts seconded to appoint Jay Shery to continue as Committee Chair. Motion carries.
Grace Elliot moved and Jay Shery seconded to appoint Robyn Tenesap to serve as Committee Vice Chair. Motion carries.

Item B

Update on Additional City Council Appointments to the DAC.
Staff Darren Uhl informed the committee that the deadline for application submission to the City Clerk's Office is Tuesday, September 20. Committee members mentioned that they had seen the announcement in the Culver City News.

Item C

Discussion Regarding Disabled Seating Arrangements at the Summer Concert Series.

(See above from Audience Participation for Items on the Agenda.) In regard to this comment by Cindee Zisner, DAC members discussed merits and shortcomings of additional signage, such as: "Designated seating for persons with disabilities plus one guest." Armando Abrego stated that he would send an e-mail to Cultural Division staff regarding the matter. Jay Shery stated that he had spoken with PRCS Commissioner Catherine Yanda, and she had expressed that she was happy with the current arrangement.

Item D

Discussion & Motion Regarding Nominations for Disability Awareness Month Commendations.

Monique Watts moved to nominate My Life Foundation as organizational commendation recipient—seconded by Grace Elliott. Neil Rubenstein moved to amend the motion to add the Culver City Branch of the Department of Rehabilitation as co-recipient of organizational commendation with My Life Foundation—seconded by Monique Watts. Motion carries. Robyn Tenesap nominated Michelle Christie-Adams to receive commendation as an individual—seconded by Neil Rubenstein. Motion carries.

Item E

Update From DAC Member Grace Elliott Regarding Disability Awareness Library Display Case.

Grace reported that she had worked with coordinating librarian Greg Smith and had secured use of one display case to promote Disability Awareness Month. In early October she will decorate and fill the case with Carnival event flyers, books and videos on various disabilities, etc.

Item F

Update From DAC Members Barbara Effros-Schwartz & Robyn Tenesap Regarding Potential Disability Speakers Panel.

DAC members discussed various scenarios of community outreach public speaking engagement panels. Armando Abrego shared the "community conversations" model of events spearheaded by the PRCS Commission and clarified that DAC members would be responsible for recruitment of speakers, topics, choosing venues, marketing, etc. Staff would play a supporting role. Chairman Jay Shery then appointed Robyn Tenesap, Monique Watts, and Grace Elliott to serve on an Ad Hoc subcommittee to explore further and report back.

Item G

Discussion and Motion to Appoint a Representative and Alternate to the 2011 CDBG Advisory Committee.

Neil Rubenstein moved to appoint Monique Watts to serve as the representative to the CDBG Advisory Committee—seconded by Grace Elliott. Motion carries. Monique Watts moved to appoint Robert Montgomery as alternative to the CDBG Advisory Committee—seconded by Robyn Tenesap. Motion carries.

Items from Staff & Other Business

Darren Uhl shared that, due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no wheelchair basketball assembly at Culver City High School this year. He reported that a petting zoo had been secured for the carnival event through \$500 funding from the CCSCA, Inc., that marketing material for the event had been disseminated, and that the next carnival planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21.

Members were also reminded to attend the City Council meeting on Monday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. for the Proclamation of Disability Awareness Month as well as presentations of Commendations.

Armando Abrego shared information regarding planned renovations and improvements at The Plunge and Veterans Memorial Building—causing the closure of the Vets facility from January through March 2011. He also requested that members do research and bring forth their suggestions for Community Development Block Grant project at the next regular meeting.

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Future Agenda Items

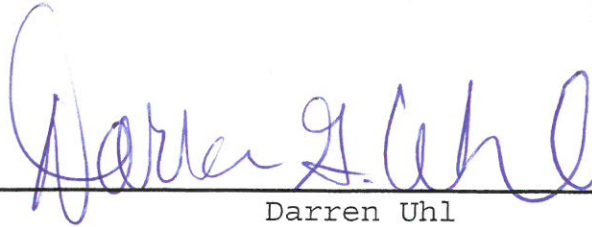
The following suggestions were made: 1) City Clerk's Office Swearing in of Newly Appointed DAC Members 2) Discussion Regarding the Annual Disability Awareness Carnival Event; 3) Report from Ad Hoc subcommittee on Educational Community Speaking Events; 4) DAC Member Recommendations of CDBG Projects; 5) Disabled American Veterans Group Presentation

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:34 p.m., the DAC adjourned to the next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 6:15 pm.

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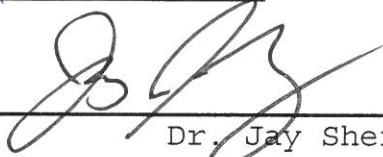


Darren Uhl

Staff SECRETARY of the Disability Advisory Committee

APPROVED

10-12-11



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