

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

June 10, 2015
6:30 P.M.

FINAL

Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:30 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
BARBARA EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, Member
N. JOHN HASEGAWA, Member
DR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, Member
SUSAN OSBORNE, Member
MARCY SOOKNE, Member
ROBYN TENENSAP, Member
*Chair Shery arrived at 6:33 P.M.

Staff Present:

Darren Uhl, Disability Services
Specialist
Glenn Heald, Community Development

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Presentations

Item P-1

Informational presentation regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program from Glenn Heald of the Culver City Community Development Department

Glenn Heald, Community Development, provided an informational presentation on the City's CDBG program.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Youth in Government; outreach to religious institutions; bridging the gap between good intentions and actuality; ideas for CDBG funding projects for FY 2016/17; sidewalk repairs; rubberized sidewalks; ADA compliance; obtaining City Council support; ADA compliant curb cuts; a

suggestion to consult with Public Works; the curb cut program; changing standards; the Santa Monica Home Modification Program; the large backlog of sidewalk repairs to be addressed; City procedures for handling repairs; Federal mandates; efficiency; minimum amounts; wage standards; notifications; paperwork that increases administrative fees; requirements that the money be used for Capital Improvements, not Social Services; the area in the City that is considered to be blighted; whether street lighting could be installed in the areas considered to be blighted; and the percentage of total funding that can be used on the blighted area.

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

None.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Shery invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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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 APRIL 8, 2015.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Administration of the Oath of Office to Appointed/Re-Appointed Board Members

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, administered the Oath of Office to re-appointed Board Members N. John Hasegawa, Marcy Sookne, and Susan Osborne.

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Item A-2

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposals

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding projects to propose for the 2016-2017 CDBG funding; a request for a presentation from the Public Works Department on August 12 to gain insight into the City's plan to address accessibility issues such as sidewalk repairs; and investigating whether the Westside Center for Independent Living would be able to do the home improvement capital projects for the disabled or whether the work would be done in-house.

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Item A-3

Disability Awareness Month

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, reported that the Disability Awareness Carnival was scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2015; the petting zoo is confirmed; prices are the same as last year; he discussed support from the Senior Citizen's Center; coordination with the High School; the Wheelchair Basketball Assembly; Cal State Long Beach; and favors, prizes and supplies for the event.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding wristbands for volunteers; problems with the sticker name tags from last year; music suggestions for the event; having the children participate; karaoke; press releases for nominations to recognize individuals and

organizations with a commendation for their outstanding work with people with disabilities; carnival fliers; organization sponsors; and agreement that a special July meeting is not necessary.

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Item A-4

Disability Film Series

Member Effros-Schwartz discussed publicity and final plans for the upcoming Disability Film Series and Americans with Disabilities 25th Anniversary free event at the Senior Center at 4:30 P.M. on Sunday, June 14.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding participants; programs; inclusion of the ADA and Parkinsons group logo on the program; other additions to the program; sponsors; brochures from Culver City Disability and Social Services and the Senior Center; and the Culver City Parkinsons Group.

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, thanked Armando Abrego and Dan Hernandez for finding funds to make bags commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the ADA; he distributed bags to the group; and he discussed plans for distributing the balance of the bags at different events throughout the year.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

None.

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Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding police training for interaction with hearing disabled individuals; an Autism Unites event called *Be Safe* for people with Autism with the Chief of Police; making that a recurring event; including people with hearing disabilities and mental illness; promotion and

communication with other groups in the City; and interactive exercises.

Member Hoult announced a Lymphatic Education Run Walk in Santa Monica; she suggested looking at Lymphedema; and she presented her latest book that contains a poem about the Disability Advisory Committee noting that proceeds of the book go into a scholarship fund for biology students.

Member Effros-Schwartz reported that Gary Mandell of Boulevard Music was interested in holding a concert to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the ADA, and she questioned whether Committee Members were going to get business cards.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding verification of information and listing Darren Uhl's phone number as the contact for DAC business cards.

Member Tenensap wished Member Effros-Schwartz a happy 25th wedding anniversary; she reported testing the Loop System in Council Chambers; and she discussed volume levels.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the T-coil; the ability to adjust the volume and agreement by Mr. Uhl to investigate; clarification that anyone with T-coil technology would have the ability to use the Loop System; the need for signage and other notification that the Loop System is available; costs for T-coils; and appreciation to Member Tenensap for her perseverance in getting the system put in Council Chambers.

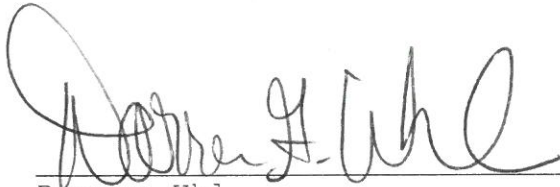
Member Osborne reported that the Autism Parent Support Group in collaboration with the City would begin in September; she noted that there would be two age groups including young children up to teens and then teens to young adults served in collaboration with Connecting with Autism; she discussed connecting with children through play; she indicated that she would be conducting parent training; and she reported that the event would be held at the Senior Center.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:37 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Senior Center Conference Room.

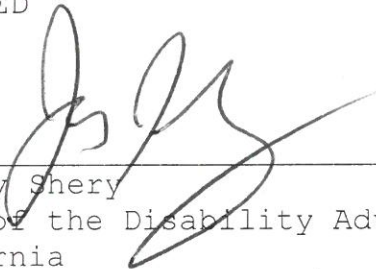
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Darren Uhl

SECRETARY of the Culver City 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

20 Aug 2015
Date