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the Disability Advisory Committee**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

October 12, 2022
6:30 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:37 P.M. at the Senior Center.

Members Present: Janice Goldhaber, Vice Chair
Jorge Alvarez, Member
Dr. Janet Cameron Hault, Member
Carmen Ibarra, Member
Robert Lucero, Member*
Lisette Palley, Member
Marcy Sookne, Member

*Member Lucero arrived at 6:57 P.M.

Absent: Robyn Tenensap, Chair

Staff Present: Dani Cullens, Recreation and Community
Services Manager
Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community
Services Supervisor
Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community
Services Coordinator

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Pledge of Allegiance

Member Alvarez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Vice Chair Goldhaber discussed meeting procedures.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Vice Chair Goldhaber invited public comment.

Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator, indicated that no public comment had been received.

Vice Chair Goldhaber invited Committee Members to provide background on themselves, which they did.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Presentation to the Disability Advisory Committee from the Friendship Factor on their Programs and Services

Denise LeMons and Josie Sandoval provided background on themselves and a presentation on the organization.

Member Lucero joined the meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification on who is allowed to participate; use of expert assistance; programming; restorative justice; education; inclusion; neurotypical kids; regulation; age groups served; access; outreach; events; camp; counselors; staffing; providing learning opportunities for everyone; job postings; arts inclusion; changes as a result of the pandemic; enhancing the feeling of community; collaboration with the schools; commitment to neurodivergent and neurotypical children; the importance of empathy and resiliency; learning how to cope with uncomfortable situations; availability of additional information on social media; and appreciation for the presentation.

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Receive and File Correspondence

Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator, indicated that no correspondence had been received.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

**Approval of the Minutes for the Disability Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting of August 10, 2022**

MOVED BY MEMBER SOOKNE AND SECONDED BY MEMBER PALLEY THAT
THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2022 AS WRITTEN.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDHABER, HOULT, PALLEY, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: TENENSAP
ABSTAIN: IBARRA, LUCERO

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Item C-2

**Approval of the Minutes for the Disability Advisory Committee
Special Meeting of September 14, 2022**

MOVED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ AND SECONDED BY MEMBER IBARRA THAT
THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2022.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDHABER, HOULT, IBARRA, SOOKNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: TENENSAP
ABSTAIN: LUCERO, PALLEY

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

DAC - (1) Review and Discussion of the Draft Community Survey Regarding Persons with Disabilities; and (2) Recommendation of Revisions to the Draft Survey, as Deemed Appropriate

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the process; whether all neighborhoods should be listed; clarification as to who is being represented by the questionnaire; allowing a place to reflect the number of people within the family who are disabled; types of data gathered; qualitative vs. quantitative data; listing cross streets rather than neighborhoods; language used for examples of disabilities; clarification regarding the intent of the question about whether one is a family caregiver or support worker; providing an opportunity for the inclusion of information on multiple family members; concern with ensuring the use of appropriate language; adding a place for additional information to be included with use of the "other" category; allowing multiple categories to be chosen; the work of the subcommittee on the draft; being sensitive to those using screen readers; use of Person First language; information collected on physical conditions in the community; difficulty accessing services due to physical barriers; the Community Block Grant; identification of services wanted; the intent to be a global document rather than to identify specific needs; asking open ended questions; hybrid meetings; agreement to refer to barriers generally to allow people to consider their own barriers; providing an opportunity for people to make recommendations to improve experiences that do not have to be based on specific incidents; support for simplifying language; asking what is working well for people with disabilities in the City; starting with a positive; focusing the conversation on ways to improve; adding options to indicate scooter, wheelchair, or other to indicate mode of travel around the City; the request for information in order to receive a direct response; concern with adding to staff workload; a suggestion to provide contact information to reach out for anyone wanting additional support; providing a link to Culver Connect; addressing global issues; asking "Is there anything

else you would like the Committee to know?"; showing that the Committee wants to address issues and make things better; concern with getting non-related comments; adding a question to gage awareness of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC); and adding encouragement to contact the DAC with issues.

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, acknowledged the detailed response from Committee Members; she indicated that staff would take the comments and create a revised draft; and she discussed next steps in the process.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding concern with holding up the item; review of the draft after staff has made the changes; agreement that the item come back on the December agenda; the ability to hold special meetings; the bi-monthly meeting schedule for the Committee; concern with delaying the item until January; allowing time for review and distribution; agreement at the September DAC meeting that the survey be distributed at the start of 2023; concern with the slow pace of doing business bi-monthly; Committee processes; Rules of Order; meeting frequency; Member capacity; due process and notification; the inability to run a Committee like a business; concern with the survey getting lost in election mailers and the holiday season; and work of the ad hoc subcommittees to move forward with items.

MOVED BY MEMBER SOOKNE AND SECONDED BY MEMBER IBARRA THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACCEPT EDITS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DRAFT COMMUNITY SURVEY AND DIRECT STAFF TO MAKE CHANGES AS NOTED WITH REVIEW BY MEMBERS ALVAREZ AND IBARRA FOR PERSON FIRST LANGUAGE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDBABER, HOULT, IBARRA, LUCERO, PALLEY
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NOES: NONE
ABSENT: TENENSAP

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Item A-2

DAC - [Standing Item; Any or All of the Following Actions, if Desired] (1) Approval of Recommendations, if any, from the Members of the Disabilities Advisory Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittees; (2) Formation of New and/or Dissolution of Existing Ad Hoc Subcommittee(s); and, (3) Appointment of Two Committee Members to Newly-Formed Ad Hoc Subcommittee(s)

Vice Chair Goldhaber noted that subcommittees were a place to start to do other kinds of work.

Member Hoult reported that she would be meeting with Culver Arts after making suggestions to connect with the DAC; she noted the importance of letting Culver Arts know what the DAC wants to do; discussed identification of disability organizations in town that are artistic and creative; and the need to schedule a subcommittee meeting.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

None.

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Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Member Hoult discussed recent and upcoming Arts events in the City; collaboration with the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee; difficulty getting to events; her recent books; connecting to the Education Foundation; socialization for children; astral access; and disability inclusion in space exploration.

Member Alvarez discussed the recent Abilities Carnival and he thanked staff and the Girl Scouts for their efforts.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Member participation at the Carnival; the display at the Library; and specific appreciation was expressed to Jill Thomsen and Melanie Morales for their efforts on the Abilities Carnival.

Member Goldhaber indicated that she would be holding online classes in mindfulness meditation for those with neuro divergent issues and she encouraged anyone interested to contact her for additional information.

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, thanked Member Sookne for all of her hard work on the Carnival and with the Girl Scouts; she indicated that Chair Tenensap and Members Alvarez and Sookne had been present at the October 10 City Council meeting to receive the Disability Awareness Month proclamation; she gave the proclamation to Vice Chair Goldhaber; and she asked Members to let her know if they wanted to attend the Wheelchair Basketball demonstration on October 21 at the High School.

Dani Cullens, Recreation and Community Services Manager, thanked Jill Thomsen and Melanie Morales for their work at the Abilities Carnival, and she read a letter from a member of the public expressing appreciation for the event and thanking the City, staff, and the Girl Scouts for their efforts.

Vice Chair Goldhaber asked that a copy of the letter be placed in notes and correspondence.

Member Hoult shared a poem from her new book entitled, *Keep On Keepin' On*.

Vice Chair Goldhaber asked that a copy of the poem be placed in the record; she indicated that she would not be able to be present for the December meeting; she acknowledged shifts in how things are being done; and she expressed appreciation for the work accomplished at the meeting.

Committee Members thanked Vice Chair Goldhaber for her work.

Member Lucero provided background on himself and his family.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:51 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

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Melanie Morales
ACTING SECRETARY of the Culver City Disability Advisory
Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED

Robyn Tenensap
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