

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

February 13, 2013
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 Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present: DR. JAY SHERY, Chair
 ROBYN TENENSAP, Vice Chair
 GRACE ELLIOTT, Member
 ALEXANDER LEE, Member
 DR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, Member
 MARCY SOOKNE, Member
 RHONDA WOLF, Member
 SEAN YEE, Member

Absent Unexcused: BARBARA EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, Member

Staff Present: Darren Uhl, *Disability Services Specialist*
City Official Present: Jim Clarke, Council Member

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MOVED BY SEAN YEE, SECONDED BY GRACE ELLIOT AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF DAVE RABB, 2012 DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH COMMENDATION RECIPIENT.

Approval of Minutes of the December 5, 2012 Regular Meeting

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2012.

Receipt of Correspondence

None.

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Matthew Glasser, new Director of Marketing & Communications with Exceptional Children's Foundation, introduced himself. He reminded that E.C.F. serves 2,600 clients in a variety of programs throughout L.A., including at their facility on Washington Blvd. in Culver City. He plans to work toward making E.C.F. more visible in the community.

Audience Participation for Items on the Agenda

None.

Presentation Item

Item P-1

Jessica Bernal, Assistant Director of the "Kids Like Me" program with The Help Group, gave a presentation regarding their programs. The Help Group offers private, non-profit educational school programs for youth ages five to 18 with special needs (focusing on Autism-spectrum disorders). They have campuses in both Sherman Oaks and Culver City and are vendors of the Westside Regional Center. Recently they began new, recreational afterschool programs in Culver City which include sports, arts, drama, acting, and social skills classes. Spring Break and summer day camps will be offered in the near future. Scholarships are available.

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Agenda Items

Item A

Update Report on CDBG Funding Allocations.

CDBG Sub-committee representative Rhonda Wolf stated that City Council approved the recommendations made by the sub-committee. Final amounts allocated included: Senior Center loan repayment - \$147,605, Disability Services Specialist position - \$28,987, Sidewalk and Curb Repairs - \$16,654.

Item B

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report and Planning for Disability Film Series Event.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee had not met since that last DAC meeting. Sean Yee suggested that, because of the time and work involved, it may be best to plan to hold the Disability Film series once a year as an annual event in July. There was agreement on this. Chair Shery suggested that they might make the event more staff driven with support of the entire DAC. Rhonda Wolf suggested that members could seek film recommendations for local disability organizations and the work with them on the events. Marcy Sookne suggested that a future film series event be more youth oriented. Robyn Tenesap stated that she no longer had time available to participate in the subcommittee. Marcy Sookne volunteered, and Chair Shery appointed her to Replace Ms. Tenesap.

A motion was made by Robyn Tenesap, seconded by Grace Elliot to hold a special DAC meeting on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. for the sole purpose of purpose of screening film(s) for potential inclusion in a future Disability Film Series Event. Motion carries. Staff member Darren Uhl will check Senior Center availability for Sundays in July and e-mail the results to all DAC members. Mr. Uhl will also attempt to obtain a copy of the film *Phoenix Dance* for screening.

Item C

Discussion Regarding Collaboration with PRCS Commission in Presenting a Community Conversation Event.

Sean Yee volunteered, and was approved by Chair Shery, to work and clarify with the PRCS Commission regarding the invitation from PRSC Commissioner Yanda to the DAC for potential collaboration. He will also plan to attend the PRCS Commission meeting on March 5th.

Item D

Discussion of Ideas to Highlight Disability Awareness Month Events and/or Expand Throughout the Year.

Marcy Sookne stated that she was exploring various ways of working with the Culver City Unified School District on disability awareness, including greater participation in Culver City's October Disability Awareness Month. Chair Shery requested that staff confirm with the Teen Center whether or not they will again be doing a disability awareness event for Global Youth Services day, so that the DAC may assist.

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Items from Staff & Other Business

City Council Member Jim Clarke was in attendance in order to share that L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa would announce (the next day) that the City of Los Angeles will host the 2015 Special Olympic Games. Council Member Clarke expressed an interest in the DAC and city staff looking into the possibilities of Culver City's involvement with this event.

Darren Uhl reminded that the first of the PRCS Senior & Social Services Community Conversations events begins on Saturday, February 16 at Veterans Memorial Building. Speaker Susan B. Geffen will speak on the topic of "Take That Nursing Home & Shove it", and 10 community agencies will also participate.

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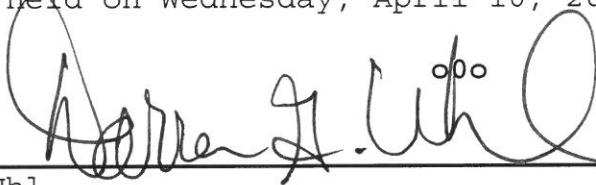
Future Agenda Items

The following suggestions were made: 1) Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report Regarding Disability Film Series Event; 2) Report on Potential Collaboration with PRCS Commission on Community Conversation Event; 3) Disability Awareness Month Discussion and Event Planning; 4) Discussion Regarding 2015 City of Los Angeles Special Olympics

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Adjournment

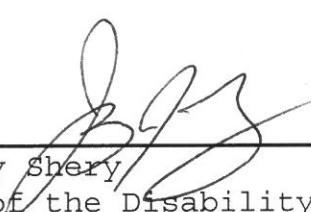
There being no further business, at 7:50 p.m., the DAC adjourned to the next special meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

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Darren Uhl
Staff SECRETARY of the Disability Advisory Committee

APPROVED

4-10-13


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: _____
Assistant City Clerk