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CULVER CITY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 12, 2017
6:30 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:34 P.M. at the Culver City Senior Center.

Members Present: DR. JAY SHERY, Chair
DR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, Vice Chair*
N. JOHN HASEGAWA, Member
DR. JANET CAMERON HOULT, Member
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SUSAN OSBORNE, Member
MARCY SOOKNE, Member**
ROBYN TENENSAP, Member

*Vice Chair Montgomery arrived at 6:45 P.M.

**Member Sookne arrived at 7:00 P.M.

Absent: BARBARA EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, Member

Staff Present: Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist
Cindee Zisner, Disability Programs
Coordinator

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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.

The following member of the audience addressed the Committee:

Oscar Sepulveda indicated that he was present to learn what is going on and to stay informed.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2017 (ABSENT MEMBERS EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, MONTGOMERY AND SOOKNE).

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Presentations

Item PH-1

Presentation from Nancy Weckwerth with the Organization Strokefocus

Daniel Gu, Strokefocus, provided background on himself and a presentation on the organization and their goal to build a community to help brain injury survivors reclaim their lives; he discussed cryptogenic strokes; suicide rates for stroke victims; symptoms; treatment; acupuncture; finding the right doctor; length of time for recovery; the isolation a stroke survivor feels; support for families; connecting survivors and families with services; a podcast available for stroke survivors and their families; and the importance of getting people involved.

Vice Chair Montgomery arrived.

Member Hoult distributed information to Committee Members from Nancy Weckwerth and she discussed their friendship.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Gu and Committee Members regarding the podcast; funding; volunteers; caregivers; distribution of information; social media; and a suggestion to record a podcast for the Senior Center.

Member Sookne arrived.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Discussion of the California Supreme Court Ruling Affecting Governmental Body Appointees and Staf, and the Subsequent Change of City Policy Affecting Email Communications

Darren Uhl, Disability Advisory Specialist, reported that information had been distributed to Committee Members; discussed the California Supreme Court ruling affecting government body appointees; changes to the City policy regarding email communication; he clarified that Committee Members were required to correspond through City email; and he suggested that anyone having difficulty contact the City Clerk for assistance noting that it should be a priority to get email set up as soon as possible as the City would no longer be able to communicate with Committee Members via their personal email.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding their experiences setting up City email accounts.

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Item A-2

**Update on City Council Adoption of the Bylaws of the
Disability Advisory Committee**

Darren Uhl, Disability Advisory Specialist, reported that the City Council had adopted the bylaws of the Disability Advisory Committee on May 8; indicated that information had been distributed to Committee Members; and he noted that in an effort to conserve paper, paper packets would no longer be distributed by the City.

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Item A-3

**Appointment or Suggested Appointee to the Marijuana Task
Force**

Darren Uhl, Disability Advisory Specialist, provided background on the item and discussed frequency of meetings.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding availability; City email; information on the Task Force; medical benefits for the disabled; cash operations; creation of regulations; benefits and drawbacks to allowing the sale of marijuana in the City; and the DAC agreed that Robyn Tenensap would serve as DAC representative on the Culver City Marijuana Task Force.

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Item A-4

**Update on the Public Works Department ADA Self Evaluation
& Transition Plan**

Darren Uhl, Disability Advisory Specialist, reported that the Public Works Department Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan project had been delayed due to a technical problem with the collected data.

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Item A-5

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report and Planning for Disability Film Series Event

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding planning for the Disability Film Series event; highlighting various disabilities; focusing on one area; picking a date; outreach; and follow up.

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Item A-6

Discussion and Planning for Disability Awareness Month Activities in October

Darren Uhl, Disability Advisory Specialist, provided an update on planning for Disability Awareness Month activities in October and he noted that the time of the event had been extended from 12:30-3:30 p.m. to noon-3:30 p.m.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding scheduled events; Senior Citizen Association sponsorship of the petting zoo; clarification that the Carnival would be held on October 22 at the Senior Center and the free event is open to the community with a focus on disabilities and accessible activities; coordination with Debbie Cahill on the games; supplies; resource tables; mental health components; renovations at the Senior Center; alternate facilities; the press release for the City Council commendation on October 9; the Culver City High School Wheelchair Basketball Demonstration Assembly scheduled on October 13 at the High School Gymnasium; the Exchange Club stipend; the need to find a new source for stuffed animals; costs; leftovers from the previous year; small prizes; edible chocolate creations; balloon creations; marionettes; line dancing vs. Zumba; and short films on people with disabilities for the Girl Scouts.

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Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members

Member Hoult reported on launching the ashes of her husband into space and she read a poem about Charlie Hoult.

Member Osbourne reported that her book on "Teaching Employment Skills to 14-17 Year Olds - The Autism Works Now Method" would be published on August 19 and is geared toward programs in high schools; she discussed planning for employment in middle school; connecting with mentors and internships; and she noted that autism has the highest unemployment of any disability category.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding youth programs; speech and language facilities; and a UPS Store that is hiring adults with autism.

Member Naing reported on a job and resource fair open to the public for veterans and those with disabilities in Pomona on July 13 with employers and resources available.

Member Tenensap reported on activities of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee noting that they had submitted a proposal to the City Council for review.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

Oscar Sepulveda indicated that he would attend additional meetings and try to participate and help as much as possible; he observed improving conditions for the disabled in the City; and discussed specific issues with ramp design in certain areas in the City.

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, suggested that Mr. Sepulveda provide information on specific issues so that they can be sent to Public Works to be addressed.

Member Tenensap encouraged Mr. Sepulveda to keep an eye out for Committee openings to get involved.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:00 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 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

July 12, 2017

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 Green
CITY CLERK

Date