

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

December 11, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

Chair Goldhaber called the regular meeting of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Senior Center.

Members Present: Janice Goldhaber, Chair
Robyn Tenensapf, Vice Chair
Marie Albertson, Member
Jessica Burnett, Member*
Robin Langman, Member
Yu-Ngok Lo, Member
Marcy Sookne, Member

Member Burnett joined the meeting at 6:33 P.M.

Absent: Shellena Leftridge, Member
Ketsha Thompson, Member

Staff Present: Francisca Castillo, Recreation and Community
Services Manager
Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community
Services Supervisor
Mike Odunze, Recreation and Community
Services Coordinator
Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community
Services Coordinator
Adam Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst
Jesse Roth, Associate Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Tenesapf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Goldhaber invited public comment.

Jesse Roth, Associate Analyst, indicated that no requests to speak had been received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Jesse Roth, Associate Analyst, 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 October 9, 2024**

MOVED BY MEMBER SOOKNE AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR TENENSAPF
THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2024, AS WRITTEN.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, GOLDHABER, LANGMAN, LO, SOOKNE,
TENENSAPF
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: BURNETT, LEFTRIDGE, THOMPSON

Member Burnett joined the meeting.

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Order of the Agenda

Item A-3 was considered after Item A-1.

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Action Items

Item A-1

DAC - (1) Drafting of a Disability Advisory Committee Biannual Report to the City Council, Including Accomplishments During the Period July Through December 2024, and Update on Upcoming Plans for January - June 2025; and (2) Authorization of Transmittal of the Report to the City Council

Adam Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a suggestion to add that training was provided to the Girl Scouts on disability awareness and etiquette for Disability Awareness Month; inclusion of the scheduled activities plan in the report; requests to agendaize items; clarification that the report covers accomplishments during the six month period specified; long-range plans; the need to change bylaws to have a dedicated seat for a parent of someone with disabilities; current and previous Members of the DAC who are parents of disabled children; parent support groups; inviting local groups to make a presentation; helping to raise awareness of available resources; Westside Regional Center; being a parent-safe space; the existing activities plan that includes inviting local non-profit partners to make presentations; and the offer of Member Lo to provide a presentation on ADA compliance.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR TENENSAPF AND SECONDED BY MEMBER LANGMAN THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. ACCEPT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL INCLUDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE PERIOD JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2024 AS AMENDED, AND AN UPDATE ON UPCOMING PLANS FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2025; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE TRANSMITTAL OF THE REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDBABER, LANGMAN, LO, SOOKNE,
TENENSAPF
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: LEFTRIDGE, THOMPSON

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Item A-3
(Out of Sequence)

**DAC - Receipt and Filing of the Report Regarding the Parks,
Recreation and Community Services Department's (PRCS)
Programming for Disability Awareness Month**

Mike Odunze, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator, provided background on himself and a summary of the material of record regarding the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's programming for Disability Awareness Month; and he observed an increase in attendance at Dances for the Developmentally Disabled after the Carnival.

Member Sookne stepped out of the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

MOVED BY MEMBER ALBERTSON AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR TENENSAPF THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT REGARDING THE PRCS DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMMING FOR DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDBABER, LANGMAN, LO,
TENENSAPF
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: LEFTRIDGE, SOOKNE, THOMPSON

Member Sookne rejoined the meeting.

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Item A-2

**DAC - Receipt and Filing of the Report from Bridges to
Inclusion**

Committee Members and staff introduced themselves and discussed their background and experience.

Dr. Kimberly Austin and Dr. Sofia Vergara, Bridges to Inclusion, provided background on themselves; discussed their lived and personal experiences with disabilities; provided a presentation on the organization; discussed their mission and services; training; the employment preparation program; enhancing disability understanding; disability rights; practical tools; etiquette; inclusive practices; workplace accommodations; customizing training to what people are looking for; collaborations; employment preparation; the 18-month grant received from the Department of Developmental Services to Implement Bridges to Employment from the State of California; collaboration with the Westside Regional Center; the person-centered holistic program supporting individuals with developmental disabilities to explore, secure, and maintain employment; social development; overview and structure of the program; the importance and significance of the program; matching strengths and skills; building confidence; and they provided contact information, flyers, and website information.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding appreciation for the presentation; serving non-verbal clients; partnership with California Lutheran University; use of augmented or other forms of communication; potential vendorization at the Regional Center; the natural partnership; the state grant; understanding interpersonal and social skills as part of the employment process; a request for digital copies of the flyer; use of volunteers from the community when the program is up and running again; language capacity; program location; brainstorming; a request for a follow-up presentation to hear how the burgeoning program progresses; and flyers and contact information were provided to Committee Members.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR TENENSAPF AND SECONDED BY MEMBER LANGMAN
THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: RECEIVE AND FILE THE
REPORT FROM BRIDGES TO INCLUSION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDBABER, LANGMAN, LO, SOOKNE,
TENENSAPF
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: LEFTRIDGE, THOMPSON

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Item A-4

DAC - (1) Approval of Letters from the Disability Advisory Committee to Supporters of 2024 Disability Awareness Month; and (2) Authorization of Transmittal of the Letters to the Intended Recipients

Chair Goldhaber introduced the item.

Member Sookne read the draft letters for consideration by the Committee.

MOVED BY CHAIR GOLDHABER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER ALBERTSON THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. APPROVE LETTERS FROM THE DAC TO SUPPORTERS OF 2024 DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE TRANSMITTAL OF THE LETTERS TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENTS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDHABER, LANGMAN, LO, SOOKNE,
TENENSAPF
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: LEFTRIDGE, THOMPSON

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Item A-5

DAC - Receipt and Filing of Updates from the Members of the Disability Advisory Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Members indicated nothing to report from the Disability Awareness Month Ad Hoc Subcommittee or the 2028 Summer Olympics Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

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Item A-6

**DAC - Receipt and Filing of the Disability Advisory Committee
2025 Meeting Calendar and the Upcoming Agenda Items List,
With Adjustments, If Any**

Jesse Roth, Associate Analyst, presented upcoming meeting dates and the agenda items list.

Member Lo reported recently doing a presentation on accessible travel and state accessibility requirements.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding upcoming agenda items; consideration of a potential program about architectural barriers at the February meeting; the staff component associated with proposing programs; the inability of the Committee to assign work to staff; the formal presentation from Bridge OT planned for the February meeting; items on the approved workplan; whether the DAC would have an opportunity to look at the final draft of the Parks Plan to see if comments were incorporated; availability of the draft online and the ability of Committee Members to provide comments to staff; justification for why recommendations were not included; the difficulty of getting through the entire document; and the end of the public comment period.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR TENENSAPF AND SECONDED BY CHAIR GOLDHABER THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: RECEIVE AND FILE THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025 MEETING CALENDAR AND THE UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS LIST.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALBERTSON, BURNETT, GOLDHABER, LANGMAN, LO, SOOKNE,
TENENSAPF
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: LEFTRIDGE, THOMPSON

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Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Member Sookne discussed a book called *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper noting that she shares it as part of disability etiquette training.

Member Lo wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Member Albertson discussed Ability 360 in Phoenix, Arizona and she asked about looking into providing handicapped accessible equipment at local gyms.

Chair Goldhaber reported attending the yearly Partners for Pediatric Vision event; discussed the audio described version of *Moana*; expressed interest in receipt of a presentation from Partners for Pediatric Vision to the DAC; discussed increased accessibility at movie theaters; growth and expansion of the DAC; she thanked everyone for their efforts; and she wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mike Odunze, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator, wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, discussed the City holiday party; participation in the Los Angeles Girls Scouts awards presentation at the Skirball Center by the Girls Scouts who helped with the games at the Abilities Fair; she reported watching a movie with open captions at AMC Century City; and she wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding requesting open captions; individual vs. full captioning; headphones with increased volume; audio description; and code requirements to provide 5% assistive listening devices.

Jesse Roth, Associate Analyst, thanked Member Albertson for the refreshments, and she asked that ideas for groups to come in and make a presentation to the DAC be emailed to her or to Mike Odunze.

Vice Chair Tenensapf received clarification that despite the posted signage, it was not necessary for Committee Members to display a parking permit when attending DAC meetings at the Senior Center.

Francisca Castillo, Recreation and Community Services Manager, invited Committee Members to the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration planned for January 11 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium; indicated that they would be presenting certificates to anyone volunteering for an organization in Culver City for at least one hour up until January 3, 2025 in honor of National Day of Service; she asked Committee Members to spread the word about the certificates and volunteering; discussed the process; the certificate and photo opportunity; planned programming for Martin Luther King Jr. Day; staff time spent on the Carnival; expansion of the program; balancing the workload while meeting the needs of the target audience; and she thanked staff for their efforts on the Abilities Carnival.

Chair Goldhaber thanked staff for their efforts for the Abilities Carnival and she thanked those Committee Members who were able to volunteer at the Carnival.

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Adjournment

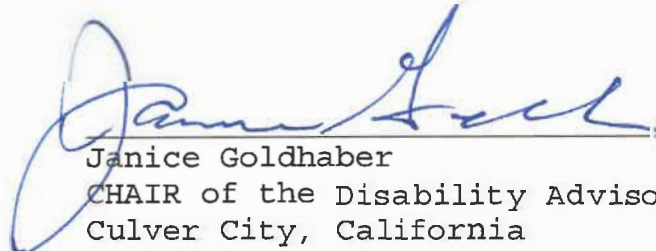
There being no further business, at 8:10 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned to a meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.

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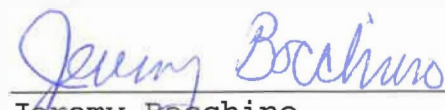
Jesse Roth
SECRETARY of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED 02/12/2025



Janice Goldhaber
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

26 Feb 2025
Date