

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

December 8, 2010
6:15 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:23 P.M. in the Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present: Dr. Jay Shery, Chairperson
Barbara Effros-Schwartz, Vice Chair
Karen Hassan, Member
Dr. Robert Montgomery, Member
Robyn Tenesap, Member
Neil Rubenstein, Member

Absent: Monique Watts, Member

Staff Present: Armando Abrego, *Senior & Social Services Manager*
Darren Uhl, *Disability Services Specialist,*
Cindee Zisner, *Instructor of Programs for People
with Disabilities*

Also Present: Sean Yee, Vernon L. Taylor, Emily Lloyd,
Helen Leichter, and Leah Leichter

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Approval of Minutes of the October 13, 2010 Meeting

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF October 13, 2010.

Receipt of Correspondence

None.

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Emily Lloyd from the Exceptional Children's Foundation (ECF) gave postcards and invited everyone to attend the opening reception of an art exhibition presented by ECF and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) on Saturday, January 15th, 5 - 8 p.m. at the Thos. Moser Showroom in the Helms Building.

Vernon L. Taylor from the Advisory Committee on Redevelopment (ACOR) invited DAC members to attend ACOR

meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at City Hall on the 3rd floor. They have been and will continue discussion focused on the creation of new senior and disabled low income housing in Culver City.

Audience Participation for Items on the Agenda

No speaker cards were submitted.

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Presentation Items

Item P-1

Sean Yee presented an update on his collaborative project with UCLA. In recent weeks the approved survey targeting families with special needs children had been distributed to all parents of students at the Vista School in nearby West Los Angeles. To date, 66 surveys have been returned—a 25% response rate. The next step will be statistical analysis, followed by publishing the findings in medical journals. Sean hopes to leverage the study results in a practical fashion, working with the model he uses in his Culver City PRCS Taekwondo classes to expand active recreation classes taught by trained instructors to mixed groups of youth with special needs and normally developing youth. Other programs in Culver City for special needs children are Challenger Little League and VIP Soccer (a division of the American Youth Soccer Organization).

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Agenda Items

Item A-1

Update Regarding Pedestrian Crossing Signal at Buckingham/Sumner.

Armando Abrego reported that, due to rain, the project was running a bit behind schedule, but that it is anticipated to be completed by the end of December.

Item A-2

Update Regarding CDBG Proposals and Committee Process.

This item has not yet been voted on my City Council; however, CDBG Committee designee Dr. Robert Montgomery shared that recommendations from the committee included funding for program administration, Disability Services Specialist position, and Senior Center mortgage payment. Remaining funds were recommended to accomplish installation of an accessible pathway around Lindbergh Park (which will be adjacent to new exercise equipment) and to the improvement of various curb cuts on Washington Blvd.

Item A-3

Discussion and Motion of Appointment of DAC Chair and Vice Chair.

After discussion, it was moved by Robyn Tenensap and seconded by Robert Montgomery to reappoint Dr. Jay Shery as committee Chairman and Barbara Effros-Schwartz as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Item A-4

Discussion and Motion to Appoint a DAC Member to Present the Recommendation to City Council of Increasing the Number of DAC Members.

After discussion, Barbara Effros-Schwartz volunteered for this role and Chairman Jay Shery appointed her to fulfill this duty.

Item A-5

Discuss and Review Scheduled DAC Meeting for 2011.

Regular DAC meetings for the 2011 will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays: February 9, April 13, June 8, August 10, October 5, and December 14.

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Items from Staff & Other Business

Darren Uhl shared a handout reviewing statistics from the 2010 Disability Carnival event. There were approximately 200 participants and just over \$2000 in cash and in-kind donations.

A discussion was held regarding the practice of holding the annual carnival event only for children with disabilities. Staff and committee found agreement in the idea of extending event invitation to all youth in the community, as well as disabled adults--with the event being held "in celebration of Disability Awareness Month". There was also support for the idea of holding the 2011 event at the beginning of October (rather than the end) and changing the event time to 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Armando Abrego shared that a slideshow of 2010 Disability Awareness Month events would be posted to the City's Disability Services website by the end of the week and encouraged DAC members to view it and the website.

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Future Agenda Items

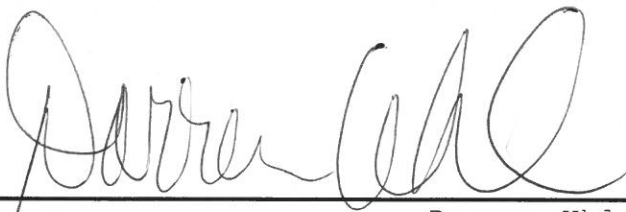
The following suggestions were made: **1)** Update on the Culver City Paratransit Dial-A-Ride and Taxi Coupon Programs Including Current Forms; **2)** Tour of the New Paratransit Vans; **3)** Invite a Guest Speaker from the Challenger Baseball League; **4)** Final Update Regarding Pedestrian Crossing Signal at Buckingham & Sumner; **5)** Potential Organization Site Visits; **6)** Further Discussion of 2011 Carnival Event (Under Staff Items)

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:00 p.m., the DAC adjourned to the next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 6:15 pm.

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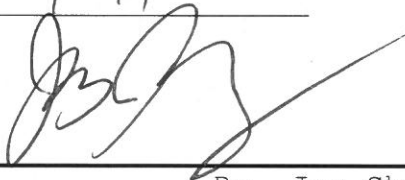


Darren Uhl

Staff SECRETARY of the Disability Advisory Committee

APPROVED

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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:

Ela Valladares, City Clerk