

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

June 11, 2014
6:30 P.M.

FINAL

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:37 P.M. in the Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present:

DR. JAY SHERY, Chair
BARBARA EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, Member
GRACE ELLIOTT, Member
Dr. JANET CAMERON HOULT, Member
ALEXANDER LEE, Member
DR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, Member
MARCY SOOKNE, Member
ROBYN TENENSAP, Member

Staff Secretary Present: Darren Uhl

Community Announcements by DAC Members / Information Items from Staff

Grace Elliot shared that Walk with a Doc is pursuing a partnership with the American Diabetes Association. Alexander Lee shared that there has been a rise in ADA related lawsuits in the Long Beach Area and the legislature is looking into changes in laws. Robyn Tenensap passed out flyers promoting the No Limits performance upcoming at the Kirk Douglas Theater. Jay Shery shared that he has been attending recent City Council meetings and was interested in their discussion regarding "safe routes to school." He also welcomed Janet Cameron Hoult as a newly appointed member of the DAC.

Public Comment - Items on the Agenda

None.

Receipt of Correspondence

On Tuesday, June 10 Dr. Jay Shery and Darren Uhl received an e-mail from DAC Vice chair Sean Yee. The message was his official resignation from the DAC due to family responsibilities preventing him from consistent participation.

Consent Calendar

It was moved by Robyn Tenensap and seconded by Grace Elliott that the DAC approve Consent Calendar items, with a correction of the spelling of "Tenensap" which was misspelled throughout. Motion carried. This motion

approved the filing of minutes for the regular meeting of April 9, 2014.

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Action Items

Item A-1.

Update on DAC Seats #1, #5, #6.

Staff shared the information that City Council had reappointed Robyn Tenensap to seat #1 and Jay Shery to seat #5. Janet Cameron Hoult was appointed to seat #6 which became open following the resignation of Rhonda Wolf. Janet Cameron Hoult took the opportunity to briefly introduce herself and DAC members greeted and welcomed her. She also read a poem she had written for the occasion, titled "Speaking Up for the Disabled."

Item A-2.

Review of Meeting Absences of DAC Vice Chair Sean Yee and Consideration of a Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Continued DAC Service of Mr. Yee.

This item became irrelevant after receipt of a formal notice of resignation was received from Sean Yee on June 10, 2014

Item A-3.

Disability Film Series.

Barbara Effros-Schwartz made a motion to hold the event on Sunday, September 28. Seconded by Jay Shery. Motion carries. The event will start at 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Barbara Effros-Schwartz shared that she had confirmed two neurologists to participate in the question and answer panel, as well as a representative from the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Chair Jay Shery appointed Barbara Effros-Schwartz, Grace Elliott, and Janet Hoult to serve on a Film Series Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Item A-4

2015 Los Angeles Special Olympics Summer World Games.

Based on a discussion she has with Council Member Jim Clarke, Barbara Effros-Schwartz reported that this topic will appear as an agenda item for the City Council sometime in the near future.

Item A-5.

Disability Awareness Month.

Staff Darren Uhl gave a brief overview of the history of Culver City's Disability Awareness Month and its key events for the benefit of new member Janet Cameron Hoult. He also explained that he was once again having troubling in

securing teams and players for the traditional wheelchair basketball assembly at Culver City High School; however, he would be pursuing new leads with the Rancho Los Amigos Sports Program, the Sparks Ladies Wheelchair Basketball team, the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, etc.

A consensus decision was reached to hold a special meeting in July to work on plans for Disability Awareness Month activities the Disability Film series. After discussion the meeting was set for Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Conference Room.

Item A-6.

Community Development Block Grant Proposals.

As staff is seeking to update the audio/visual equipment in at the City Hall Council Chambers and may include audio looping technology, Jay Shery suggested that they should also consider adding closed captioning capabilities as part of the upgrade. Alexander Lee suggested a comprehensive survey of the Culver City sidewalks with planned repairs to those areas in need as a good potential use of CDBG funds.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda (continued)

Art Ida, Director of the Culver City Transportation Department, was present to share information and hand out flyers about the upcoming public outreach meeting regarding a change in fare for blind passengers. The blind passenger fare has been free on Culver CityBus for approximately 30 years. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a change is recommended that would increase this fee to \$0.35. This is the same fee which seniors and people with other disabilities currently pay. Staff member Darren Uhl reminded the DAC that all blind individuals qualify for Access Paratransit, and with an Access Paratransit card they may ride public transportation free of charge.

Rhonda Wolf, DAC member who recently resigned, was present to say goodbye. She shared that she had learned a lot from the group, very much appreciated her time serving, and thanked them. Rhonda expressed regret at having to leave the committee due to competing career obligations, and she encouraged the DAC to keep her in mind for continued support of the annual Kids Carnival event. Jay Shery thanked her for her time and dedication.

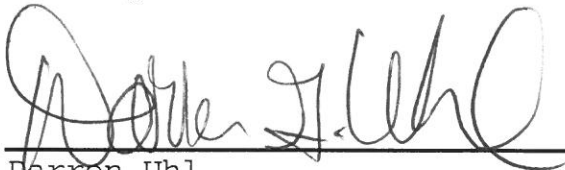
Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members

Robyn Tenensap shared that the Hearing Loss Group would be moving to the Senior Center Conference Room and would be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. Alexander Lee informed that severe obesity has been declared a disability in the state of Missouri. Marcy Sookne stated that she would like to work more on disability awareness with youth because "that's where real change can happen." Barbara Effros-Schwartz reminded that the month of September 2017 has been designated as the 100th anniversary of the City of Culver City, and Janet Hoult added that events were being planned to take place throughout the year. Robert Montgomery shared information regarding the 4th of July Fireworks event coordinated by the Exchange Club to be held at West L.A. College where the event will be fully accessible and have designated handicapped parking.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:16 p.m. the DAC adjourned until the next special meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 6:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30 pm.



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Darren Uhl

Staff SECRETARY of the Disability Advisory Committee

APPROVED


7-16-14

Dr. Jay Sherry

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

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CITY CLERK

11 AUG 2014

Date

By:

Assistant City Clerk