

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

FINAL

June 12, 2013
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:36 P.M. in the Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present:

DR. JAY SHERY, Chair
ROBYN TENENSAP, Vice Chair
BARBARA EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, Member
GRACE ELLIOTT, Member
ALEXANDER LEE, Member
DR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, Member
MARCY SOOKNE, Member
SEAN YEE, Member

Absent Excused:

RHONDA WOLF, Member

Staff Present:

Darren Uhl and staff from City the
Attorney's Office Heather Baker,
Roland Miranda, and Lisa Vidra

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Approval of Minutes of the April 10, 2013 Regular Meeting

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Receipt of Correspondence

E-mail notification was sent that member Rhonda Wolf was unable to attend the meeting.

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

Audience Participation for Items on the Agenda

Marc Story requested to speak on Item P-1. Mr. Story discussed a recent situation in which he was not allowed to bring his dog into Costco. As a person with a traumatic brain injury, he shared that many people with non-physical disabilities also use service animals.

Presentation Item

Item P-1

Staff acknowledged the attendance of Sharon Elstein from the Culver City Senior Citizen Association, Inc., as well as a generous \$100.00 stipend funded by the CCSCA for tonight's guest speaker, Deborah Sands. As a recognized expert on service animals, Ms. Sands shared an informational handout. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), with few exceptions such as a miniature horses, only dogs may serve as service animals according to clarification in 2011 from the federal government.

Trained service animals are allowed to go anywhere in public establishments where the person they are serving may want/need to go. Service Dogs must do physical tasks or work to assist their handler in mitigating their medical condition. The three categories of service dogs include: 1) Guide; 2) Service; & 3) Hearing. "Comfort" animals no longer qualify as service animals.

Unfortunately there are people who try to pass off their untrained pet as a service animal, and there are several online retailers where one may purchase falsified animal vests and identification. Signs that a dog in your facility is not a service animal include: being unleashed, appearing or smelling dirty, barking, aggressive behavior, relieving itself indoors, or not uncontrolled by owner.

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Agenda Items

Item A

Report on Potential Collaboration with PRCS Commission on Community Conversation Event.

A motion was made to table this item by Sean Yee and seconded by Grace Elliott. Motion carries.

Item B

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

Subcommittee members reported that staff would be sent marking material for review this week. They have also interviewed a female middle school dancer regarding viewing the film and then creating a dance inspired by it to be included in the program. Though not able to attend, questions have also been sent to the producer for response,

Items from Staff & Other Business

Staff shared a request to change the venue of DAC meetings to better use staff resources. Veterans Memorial Building supervisor Susan Obrow requested that meetings be moved to Vets, as the building is staffed until 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Other than DAC meetings, no future rentals or activities are scheduled at the Senior Center on Wednesday evenings. DAC members requested that staff first look into the possibility of meeting at City Hall's Patacchia Conference Room. However, the consensus was that members are very amenable to meeting at Vets if necessary.

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Future Agenda Items

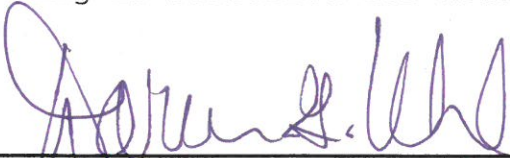
The following suggestions were made: 1) Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report Regarding Disability Film Series Event; 2) Guest Speaker from Special Olympics; 3) Disability Awareness Month Discussion and Event Planning; 4) Report from Exploratory Special Olympics Ad Hoc Subcommittee; 5) Update by Alexander Lee on State Disability Legislation; 6) Guest Speaker from the School District

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:47 p.m., the DAC adjourned to the next Special meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm. The next Regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 pm.

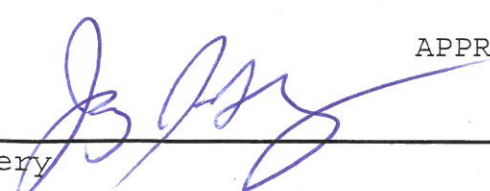
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Darren Uhl

Staff SECRETARY of the Disability Advisory Committee

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Dr. Jay Sherry