

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 8, 2015
6:30 P.M.

FINAL

Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:39 P.M. in the Culver City Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present:

DR. JAY SHERY, Chair
DR. JANET CAMERON HOULT, Member
BARBARA EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, Member
N. JOHN HASEGAWA, Member
DR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, Member*
SUSAN OSBORNE, Member
ROBYN TENENSAP, Member

Absent:

ALEXANDER LEE, Vice Chair - excused
MARCY SOOKNE, Member - excused

Staff Present:

Darren Uhl, Disability Services
Specialist

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**Community Announcements By DAC Members/Information Items
From Staff**

Member Tenensap reported visiting the refurbished Council Chambers to check out the new Loop System but that it was not working at that time.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding what is necessary to have on your hearing aid in order to coordinate with the Loop System and clarification that the entire Council Chambers is wired for the Loop System.

Member Effros-Schwartz reported that former DAC Member Karen Hassan had passed away.

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF FORMER DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAREN HASSAN (ABSENT MEMBERS LEE AND SOOKNE).

Member Osborne announced an Employment Fair for those with Autism at Club Nokia on May 20.

Member Hoult encouraged everyone to take a test to see if they are at risk for Type 2 Diabetes and she read a poem that she had presented to the City Council.

Member Effros-Schwartz announced Parkinsons Dance classes available at the YMCA and MS Yoga resuming on April 20, also at the YMCA.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Shery invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2015 AS SUBMITTED (ABSENT MEMBERS LEE AND SOOKNE).

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Action Items

Item A-1

Update on DAC Seats #3, #8, #9

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, reported that applications were available on the City website and he indicated that Members Hasegawa, Osborne and Sookne should reapply for the Committee if they want to continue to serve.

Chair Shery noted that it was important to show up at the City Council meeting when the positions are considered.

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Item A-2

Disability Film Series

Member Effros-Schwartz apologized for not having time recently to work on the event and she verified that Member Hoult was still available to help with the Disability Film Series.

Staff and Committee Members discussed potential dates for the Film Series with June 14 or 21 considered as viable options; other volunteers for the event; and clarification regarding Members serving on the subcommittee.

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Item A-3

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposals

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding using 2016-2017 CDBG funding for an assessment of parks that are not fully accessible; what the grants cover; a recommendation to see if there has been a survey and recommend park renovations for handicapped accessibility; use of money during the last cycle; the amount of money available; the Senior Center Loan; repairing and maintaining City sidewalks; noting specific sites; ADA compliance; a presentation on in-home improvements with a request for CDBG funds; practices of other cities; whether the program will change with the increase in money available next year; opening up the program to non-profits;

improving accessibility to the parks; blue zone parking; and a suggestion to have Glenn Heald, the City representative, address the Committee next year to provide information on funding, criteria, and requirements.

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Item A-4

Disability Awareness Month

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, reported that the Disability Awareness Carnival was scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2015.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the Junior Blind; plans for Disability Awareness Month activities; and combining the discussion with Item A-5.

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Item A-5

Discussion of Senior & Social Services Division Plans for Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, discussed the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26 and ways to commemorate it with milestone events.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding reserving the picnic area at Veterans Memorial Park for Saturday, July 18; clarification that the date coincided with a body builder event at Veterans Auditorium; the Socialites Event with dinner and a movie night in July; surplus funds used for 1,000 giveaway bags to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the ADA at the Carnival and at Fiesta; a request that the City Council consider issuing a proclamation in celebration of the ADA in July; accessibility of Veterans Park; difficulties with Access bringing people to the Socialites Event; logistics; access issues; neighborhood parks; Lindbergh Park; celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the ADA at one of the Boulevard Music Summer Concerts; designating the Disability Film Series

event a 25th Anniversary Celebration Event; resources at Cal State Northridge and Loyola; branding the Disability Awareness Carnival for the 25th Anniversary; involving performers with disabilities; available dates; coordination with other events; staff time; Walk with a Doc; Historical Society events; agreement by Committee Members to work on coordination with other groups and organizations to promote the 25th Anniversary of the ADA; expanding the role of the ad hoc subcommittee; focusing events; and a suggestion to concentrate on the Film Festival since it keeps getting postponed.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

None.

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Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members

Member Hoult discussed the annual research symposium at her university and she indicated that she planned to put Member Osborne in touch with students that are doing research and testing.

Member Osborne reported that she would be speaking at a Special Educator Conference in May; she recommended attending the Annenberg Leadership Alchemy Seminar; and she announced that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and Autism Unites were partnering to create a Support Group for Parents of Children with Autism on the second Tuesday of each month beginning in June at the Senior Center.

Member Hasegawa reported considering the creation a preliminary survey about Asians with disabilities.

Member Effros-Schwartz suggested resources that could be helpful to Member Hasegawa.

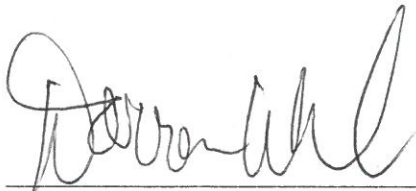
The Committee observed a moment of silence for former, long-time DAC Member Karen Hassan.

Member Effros-Schwartz discussed the life and experiences of Karen Hassan.

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Adjournment

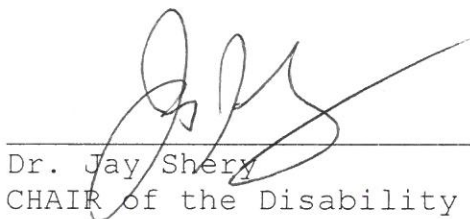
There being no further business, at 7:43 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting in memory of Karen Hassan to Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Senior Center Conference Room.



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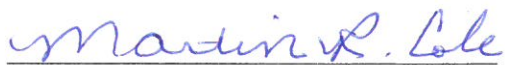
Darren Uhl
SECRETARY of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED



Dr. Jay Shery
CHAIR of the Disability Advisory Committee, Culver City,
California

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.



Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK



Date