

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

December 7, 2011
6:15 P.M.

FINAL

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:35 P.M. in the Senior Center Conference Room.

Members Present: Dr. Jay Shery, Chairperson
Robyn Tenesap, Vice Chairperson
Barbara Effros-Schwartz, Vice Chair
Dr. Robert Montgomery
Grace Elliott, Member
Marcy Sookne, Member

Absent Excused: Sean Yee, Member

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

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Approval of Minutes of the October 12, 2011 Meeting

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2011.

Receipt of Correspondence

DAC member Sean Yee sent an e-mail stating that he was in Washington D.C. attending training and would not be at tonight's meeting.

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Neil Rubenstein completed a speaker's card. He announced that he had submitted his resignation from the DAC and shared information about his many years of public service.

Audience Participation for Items on the Agenda

Neil Rubenstein completed a speaker's card for item 6A.

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Presentation Items

Item P-1

Guest speaker Ray Sczesniak, Commander of the local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 123, gave a presentation on the group. Founded in 1920 and chartered by congress in 1932, the DAV is a non-profit dedicated to bettering lives of America's disabled veterans and their families. They provide grassroots advocacy, assistance with benefits claims, as well as holiday parties and gift donations for homebound vets and those living in VA Housing. The group recently began a partnership with the PRCS department, and meetings now take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Senior Center. Membership is open to honorably discharged wartime veterans with a minimum of 10% service related disability. Their sister organization the DAV Auxiliary also meets on the 2nd Saturday and is open to spouses, family members, and other civilians interested in volunteering in a supportive role to disabled veterans.

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Agenda Items

Item A

Announcement Regarding DAC Seat #4 and Seat #6.

Staff shared that DAC members Monique Watts and Neil Rubenstein had officially tenured their resignations with City Hall. Neil stated that if any DAC member would like to contact him for further discussion about his resignation, he would welcome that. Jay Shery thanked Neil for his years of service with the DAC and to the community.

Committee members expressed concern that, with the nine member committee down two people, a quorum of five members might be difficult to attain and questioned (with the two members missing) if the required number for a quorum would be reduced to four. It was suggested that City Council might consider appointing recent applicant Alexander Lee who was not been selected.

Marcy Sookne made a motion that the DAC would like to request that City Council move forward with the necessary steps to fill the two vacant committee seats. Seconded by Robyn Tenesap. Motion carries.

Item B

Review of DAC Meeting Dates/Times for 2012.

Consensus was reached for meetings to remain as currently scheduled: on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month at 6:15 p.m. in the Senior Center Conference Room. Tentative meeting dates for 2012 will be as follows: February 8, April 11, June 13, August 8, October 10, & December 12.

Item C

**Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Community Speaking Events
Update/Discussion.**

Robyn Tenesap informed that she and Grace Elliot had a discussion regarding speaking events, and she offered the ideas of a film screening and a "people first" sensitivity training. Barbara Effros-Schwartz and Marcy Sookne each offered to assist in planning, and they were added to the Ad Hoc subcommittee by Chairperson Jay Shery.

Senior & Social Services Manager Armando Abrego clarified the role that city staff could play in supporting presentations or events planned by the DAC, reminding them that there is no funding available and that DAC members would be responsible for the planning and execution of the event(s). He suggested the Ad Hoc Committee think about whom their audience would be, what topic they wanted to address first, create a list of possible speakers, etc.

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Items from Staff & Other Business

Staff members Darren Uhl and Cindee Zisner led a discussion recapping the 2011 Disability Awareness Month Carnival event. There were approximately 314 attendees and 75 event volunteers. The key financial supporters of the event, the Culver City Exchange Club and the Culver City Senior Citizens Association, each donated approximately \$1,000 to make the event possible. There was agreement that the event was a success and that the petting zoo was a wonderful addition and should return in 2012. Next year's event will take place on Sunday, October 21, 2012.

Darren Uhl also shared information regarding the upcoming Culver City Community Conversations series which begins on January 24th with the Elder Abuse Senior Action Fair.

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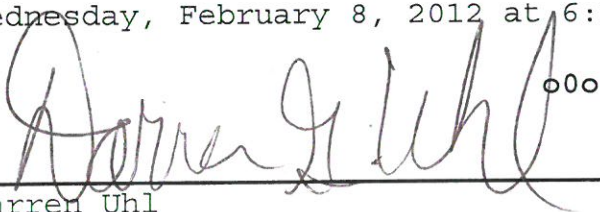
Future Agenda Items

The following suggestions were made: 1) Presentation from the Disability Legal Rights Center To Be Arranged by Barbara Effros-Schwartz; 2) CDBG Grant Allocation Report; 3) Information From Hoc Subcommittee for Community Speaking Events; 4) Report on Status of City Council Appointments to Fill the Two Vacant DAC Seats; 5) Report on Term Expiration on June 30, 2012 of DAC Seats #3 and #7

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Adjournment

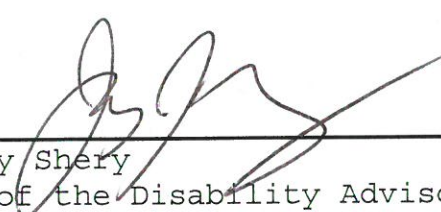
There being no further business, at 7:32 p.m., the DAC adjourned to the next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 6:15 pm.

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Darren Uhl

Staff SECRETARY of the Disability Advisory Committee

APPROVED

 Feb. 8, 2012

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

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Date

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Ela Valladares, City Clerk