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Disability Advisory Committee.**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

September 14, 2022
6:30 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:32 P.M. at the Senior Center.

Members Present:

- Janice Goldhaber, Vice Chair
- Jorge Alvarez, Member
- Dr. Janet Cameron Hault, Member
- Marcy Sookne, Member
- Carmen Ibarra, Member

Absent:

- Robyn Tenensap, Chair
- Jorge Sandoval, Member
- Robert Lucero, Member
- Lisette Palley, Member

Staff Present:

- Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst
- Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor
- Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator

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Pledge of Allegiance

Member Alvarez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Vice Chair Goldhaber invited public comment.

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, indicated that no public comment had been received.

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Receive and File Correspondence

Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator, indicated that there were no items of correspondence to receive and file.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

DAC - (1) CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND/OR ORGANIZATION FOR AN "OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES" COMMENDATION; AND (2) SELECTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND/OR ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE THE COMMENDATION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.

Vice Chair Goldhaber began the discussion by coordinating how the process of reading through the list of nominees and voting for one organization and individual to receive the commendations could occur. Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, suggested that the submissions for organizations be read first; encouraged that they pick an organization from those options, then repeat the same process for the submissions for individuals.

Vice Chair Goldhaber agreed and suggested that the committee proceed with that process. Member Carmen Ibarra read aloud the submissions for the organizations. Discussion ensued about each organization and committee members offered additional information about the organizations; committee members suggested that the nomination criteria be changed to include the percentage of the population of Culver City

residents served by each organization; Vice Chair Goldhaber suggested that the nomination criteria be revisited at another meeting as an agenda item and edited to include more detailed information regarding an organization's service area, mission statement and the percentage of Culver City residents served.

A CONSENSUS WAS REACHED WITH NODDING HEADS FROM MEMBER IBARRA, MEMBER ALVAREZ & VICE CHAIR GOLDHABER THAT IT BE AGENDIZED AT A LATER MEETING TO REVISIT THE NOMINATION CRITERIA AND SUBMISSION FORM INFORMATION FOR THE 2023 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT PROVIDE "OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES" DURING DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH IN OCTOBER.

Discussion continued regarding the organization nomination submissions. Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, noticed that Member Hoult was feeling physically ill. Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator, suggested that the committee take a recess.

CONSENSUS WAS REACHED WITH NODDING HEADS FROM MEMBERS IBARRA, ALVAREZ, SOOKNE AND VICE CHAIR GOLDHABER. RECESS BEGAN AT 7:07 PM AND VICE CHAIR GOLDHABER CALLED THE MEETING BACK FROM RECESS AT 7:18 PM.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the need to make a vote for the organization and then the individual that will be receiving the commendation.

Vice Chair Goldhaber led the vote for the organization to receive the commendation. Committee members Ibarra, Sookne, Hoult and Vice Chair Goldhaber voted for Friendship Factor while Member Alvarez voted for Creative Steps. Friendship Factor won with a 4 to 1 vote.

Discussion ensued about the two individuals who were nominated. Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, shared that Justin Sandy has been a longtime volunteer for various events and programs at the Senior Center like the Senior Meal Program and various events for individuals with disabilities. Members and staff did not have information to add for Renadda Wiggins beside what was submitted. Member Hoult stated that she believed volunteers like Justin should be recognized for their dedication and work in the community.

Vice Chair Goldhaber led the vote for the individual to receive the commendation. Committee members Ibarra, Sookne, Hault, Alvarez and Vice Chair Goldhaber unanimously voted for Justin Sandy.

MOVED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER IBARA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AWARD THE COMMENDATIONS TO FRIENDSHIP FACTOR AND JUSTIN SANDY FOR THEIR "OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES" FOR THE YEAR OF 2022 DURING DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH IN OCTOBER. (ABSENT MEMBERS LUCERO, PALLEY, SANDOVAL, AND CHAIR TENENSAP).

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Vice Chair Goldhaber invited public comment.

Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator, indicated that no public comment had been received.

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Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, reported that the commendations for Justin Sandy and Friendship Factor as well as the Disability Awareness Month proclamation will be given out at the October 10, 2022 City Council meeting; and provided flyers for the annual Disability Awareness Carnival event on October 9, 2022 and encouraged each member to pass them out to others who may be interested in attending.

Committee Members expressed gratitude for the flyers they received.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:25 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

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Melanie Morales
ACTING SECRETARY of the Culver City Disability Advisory
Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED

Robyn Tenensap
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.

Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK

Date