

Culver CITY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 13, 2023

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR MCMORRIN AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY

FROM: Chair Alvarez and Members of the Disability Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: **JULY – DECEMBER 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 2024 PROPOSED ACTIVITY/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS**

CC: John Nachbar, City Manager

On December 13, 2023, the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) approved the transmittal of the following information to City Council:

List of Accomplishments

Community Survey

Analyzed the results of the DAC Community Survey for Persons with Disabilities and submitted a memo to City Council with recommendations.

City Council Proclamations & Commendations

Reviewed submitted nominations for an individual or organization in Culver City to receive recognition via an “Outstanding Service to Persons with Disabilities” commendation from City Council and selected two organizations: Jazz Hands for Autism and The Achievable Foundation.

Disability Awareness Month – Events

- Coordinated display case creation and design at Julian Dixon Library for October 2023 Disability Awareness Month informational display.
- Successfully planned and hosted the first in-person Abilities Carnival & Resource Fair since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Coordinated and trained local Girl Scout volunteers on best practices for interacting with persons with disabilities at Abilities Carnival & Resource Fair.

Fiesta La Ballona

Advocated for an artist with disabilities to be part of the lineup at the 2023 Fiesta La Ballona. The Fiesta performers selected were DJ Plush from Jazz Hands for Autism and DJ B Diamond.

Scheduled Activities Plan:

- Invite local non-profit partners to make presentations at upcoming DAC meetings in order to understand the resources available within the City for people with disabilities.
- Request DAC members volunteer at a regularly scheduled Disability Services event, such as Dances for the Developmentally Disabled (DDD), Doorstep Deliveries, or Socialites, in addition to the Abilities Carnival & Resource Fair.
- Work with City staff on the AARP Age-Friendly Communities Culver City action plan.
- Attempt to expand best practices for interacting with persons with disabilities training beyond Girl Scouts
- Research and suggest improvements for the Abilities Carnival & Resource Fair
- Develop a proposal for staff training on people-first language, disability etiquette, and ADA accessibility