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CULVER CITY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

March 7, 2017  
6:30 P.M.

**Call To Order & Roll Call**

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

**Members Present:** DR. JAY SHERY, Chair  
DR. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, Vice Chair  
DR. JANET CAMERON HOULT, Member  
N. JOHN HASEGAWA, Member  
SUSAN OSBORNE, Member  
MARCY SOOKNE, Member  
ROBYN TENENSAP, Member

**Absent:** BARBARA EFFROS-SCHWARTZ, Member  
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**Staff Present:** John Adams, Disability Services Specialist  
Armando Abrego, Senior and Social Services  
Manager  
Laurence Ma, Culver City Administrative  
Clerk

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**Community Announcements by DAC Members/Information Items  
from Staff**

None.

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**Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda**

Chair Shery invited public comment.

No cards were received and no members came forward.

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**Receipt of Correspondence**

None.

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**Order of the Agenda**

Chair Shery asked that Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members be taken out of order.

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**Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members**

Chair Shery reported the passing of former Mayor Steven Rose and asked that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

Member Hoult explained that she was using a hearing loop device.

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**Action Items**

Item A-1

**Discussion Regarding the Disability Advisory Committee  
Initial Recommendations to the City Council for the Fiscal  
Year 2018/2019 Parks, Recreation & Community Service  
Department Budget**

Armando Abrego, Senior and Social Services Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification that the personnel and maintenance operation costs remain steady; annual increases; adjustments for benefits; the Kids Carnival; promotional costs; fluctuations in

actual expenditures; the Liability Reserve Charge; mid-year adjustments; contractual services; encouragement to let elected officials know the value of addressing issues that help the disabled; sidewalk repairs; options available to the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC); minor adjustments; the inability to do new programming as funds are not available; specific recommendations for purchase of items or to support specific programs; the need for additional part time staff; personnel classifications; reliance on volunteers; seed money; operational money; raffles; event costs; the recommendation for additional funding to use existing staff to fill the need to support monthly events; agreement to provide a draft letter; and agreement by the Chair to submit an email on behalf of the DAC regarding the budget.

MOVED BY MEMBER HOULT, SECONDED BY MEMBER OSBORNE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBERS EFFROS-SCHWARTZ AND NAING), THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST THAT \$4,000 BE ADDED TO THE BUDGET FOR 120 HOURS OF PART TIME STAFFING WITH ASSOCIATED BENEFITS AT THE CLASSIFICATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT FEELS IS BEST, WITH THE BALANCE USED FOR SUPPLIES.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding hiring the Westside Center for Independent Living to take care of some of the modifications that certain physical disabilities require; recommending to the City Council that the Housing Department reinstate and fund the program; the screening process for participation; and agreement to ask the Housing Authority to evaluate existing programs to see if they can implement the program for modifications to housing.

MOVED BY MEMBER SOOKNE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MONTGOMERY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBERS EFFROS-SCHWARTZ AND NAING), THAT THE DAC RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL REINSTATE THE PROGRAM TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO HOUSING FOR THE DISABLED.

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### **Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding difficulties meeting the demand for the Dial A Ride Program; the Metro grant; Paratransit; the Taxi Coupon program; aging in place; high demand areas; funding; requirements to qualify; DMV presentations; demand

response; establishing a bus route in order to serve more people; searching for different ways to address the need; the new AARP program; taking the ageing community into account with every decision being made; creating more accessible and inclusive communities; working with redevelopment to address issues; and making the Senior Center a central drop off point.

Member Hoult announced a book signing for *Going to the Dogs* at Café Laurent during pet month with all proceeds going to the Bone Yard; she reported that three of her books had been invited to be part of the Los Angeles Times Book Festival; and she indicated that she would be writing a poem for Charles Herbertson, the Director of Public Works, about sidewalk repair.

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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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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 7:20 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting in memory of former Mayor Steven Rose to a meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Senior Center Conference Room.

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John Adams  
SECRETARY of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee  
Culver City, California

APPROVED

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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.

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Jeremy Green  
CITY CLERK

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Date