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CULVER CITY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

August 8, 2018
6:30 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:36 P.M. at the Culver City Senior Center.

Members Present: Dr. Jay Shery, Chair
Dr. Robert Montgomery, Vice Chair
N. John Hasegawa, Member
Dr. Janet Cameron Hoult, Member
Ko Ko Naing, Member
Susan Osborne, Member
Marcy Sookne, Member
Robyn Tenensap, Member

Absent: Barbara Effros-Schwartz, Member

Staff Present: John Adams, Disability Services Specialist
Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community
Services Director

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Shery invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Committee:

Lisette Palley provided background on herself and indicated that she had applied to serve on the Committee.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2018

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION APPROVING THE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 13, 2018 (ABSENT MEMBER EFFROS-SCHWARTZ).

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-3
(Out of Sequence)

Inactive Members

Chair Shery reported that a letter had been sent to the City Council regarding two members of the Committee who were deemed to be inactive by the Committee; indicated that the Committee Members had been invited to the Committee to discuss their situation; and he invited Member Naing to address the Committee.

Member Naing discussed travel required by his job; felt that his job experience would benefit the Committee; he noted issues with the City email and communication; and he indicated that he wanted to continue to serve.

Discussion ensued between Committee Members regarding acknowledgement of Member Naing's job experience; absenteeism; troubleshooting email issues with Committee Members; communication; considering each Member's situation differently; procedures for being deemed inactive; allowing people who are available and interested a chance to serve; and the importance of attending meetings after making the commitment to being a Member.

Member Naing expressed a desire to continue serving and indicated that he would make himself available for meetings.

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION TO REINSTATE KOKO NAING TO THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BASED ON HIS DESIRE TO BE A PART OF THE COMMITTEE AND TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION (ABSENT MEMBER EFFROS-SCHWARTZ).

Chair Shery read an email from Member Effros-Schwartz indicating a desire to continue serving on the Disability Advisory Committee.

Vice Chair Montgomery moved to deem Member Effros-Schwartz inactive and the discussion continued.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the need for Member Effros-Schwartz to be present at the meeting to appeal her status; email issues; effort put in by Member Effros-Schwartz over many years; health issues; concern with reliability; excused absences; the importance of attendance to being a part of the group; having to table issues due to absenteeism; a suggestion that Member Effros-Schwartz reapply if she is interested in serving; allowing space for someone else who can actively participate; acknowledgement of Member Effros-Schwartz's track record of service; making it clear as to why she is not allowed to continue; concern that Member Effros-Schwartz did not come to the meeting to make an appeal; and City Council jurisdiction.

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DEEM MEMBER EFFROS-SCHWARTZ INACTIVE (ABSENT MEMBER EFFROS-SCHWARTZ AND WITH MEMBER SOOKNE OPPOSED).

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a suggestion that when the item is presented to the City Council that Member Effros-Schwartz be recognized for her service and be informed that she can reapply; concern that the Committee recommendation for removal could reflect badly and preclude Member Effros-Schwartz from reapplying or being reappointed; and next steps in the process.

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Item A-1

**Administration of the Oath of Office to Appointed Members
and Reappointed Members**

Jay Shery and Robyn Tenensap read the Oath of Office.

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Item A-2

Selection of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding interest of Committee Members in serving.

THE DAC PASSED A MOTION TO REAPPOINT JAY SHERY TO SERVE AS CHAIR AND ROBERT MONTGOMERY TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2018-2019 (ABSENT MEMBER EFFROS-SCHWARTZ).

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Item A-4
(Out of Sequence)

Discussion and Possible Motion for holding a Special Meeting in September Regarding Nominations for Disability Awareness Month Commendations for Submission to the City Council

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the proclamation; the need for a special meeting for the commendations; outreach; the deadline at the end of August; scheduling; and agreement to hold a special meeting on September 12, 2018.

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Item A-5

Discussion and Planning for Disability Awareness Month Activities in October

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding distribution of Disability Awareness Carnival

flyers; the ideal number of vendors participants;
additional room available for resource tables;
collaboration using Google Documents; sharing resources;
food; budget; the Exchange Club; Senior Citizen Association
sponsorship of the petting zoo; clarification that the
marionettes and the chocolate booth are no longer
available; investigation of alternate entertainment
options; a suggestion for a bell choir; promotion through
the Culver City School District; the College to Career
Program at West Los Angeles College; LA Goal; the target
age group for the Fair; a suggestion for an art exhibit;
adults that attend the event; participation by the Police;
safety for adults; volunteering opportunities for people in
job training; the importance of community involvement and
of showing the outside community that people with
disabilities can function; services at the Senior Center
for those with disabilities; promotion of available
services and activities at the Carnival; the Special
Olympics; training for older adults; outreach to Access for
a booth; clarification that the Senior Center would be
closed down for the event; quiet rooms; the request for
participation by the Fire and Police Departments; a
suggestion to invite Los Angeles County Emergency
Management; participation by the Culver City Emergency
Preparedness Specialist; new games from the Girl Scouts;
prizes; art supplies; and the photo booth.

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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

None.

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Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Member Hoult discussed National Night Out; the Centennial Poetry Collection Book and *Going to the Dogs*; she wanted to continue encouraging poetry among the disabled; and she discussed connecting with West LA College.

Member Naing reported working at the Department of Rehabilitation; discussed upcoming changes; funding for work experience; businesses interested in hiring the disabled; funding from the Foundation for California Community College; and the statewide measure to hire more youth with disabilities.

Member Osborne reported on Glorious Pies, the food truck business started to employ youth with autism, noting that the food truck would be at Fiesta La Ballona and at the Special Needs Network Conference at the Junior Center for the Blind.

Member Sookne indicated that she would continue to work with the Girl Scouts.

Member Hasegawa reported encouraging a Japanese organization to take part in the Carnival.

Member Tenensap reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee had been considering Bird and Lime scooters as a way of reducing the number of cars in Culver City; she discussed rules for scooter usage; enforcement; outlawing of scooters in Beverly Hills; the six month trial of scooters agreed upon by Culver City; underage users; requirements for use; novelty; and real benefits to the City.

Member Hoult discussed the lack of accountability with scooter usage; benefits to the environment; and the need for regulations and guidance.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:47 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 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

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.

Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK

Date