

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

September 22, 2021  
6:30 P.M.

**Call To Order & Roll Call**

The special meeting of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:38 P.M. via Webex.

**Members Present:** Robyn Tenensap, Chair  
Jorge Alvarez, Member  
Janice Goldhaber, Member  
Dr. Janet Cameron Hoult, Member  
Carmen Ibarra, Member  
Dr. Jay Shery, Member  
Marcy Sookne, Member

**Absent:** Jorge Sandoval, Vice Chair  
Lisette Palley, Member

**Staff Present:** Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community  
Services Supervisor  
Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community  
Services Specialist  
Laurence Ma, Administrative Clerk

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

Chair Tenensap invited public comment.

Laurence Ma, Administrative Clerk, indicated that no public comment had been received.

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**Consent Calendar Items**

Item C-1

**DAC - Approval of the Minutes for the Disability Advisory Committee Meeting of August 11, 2021**

Member Hoult pointed out an error to the spelling of her name in item C-1, and she indicated that she had agreed to contact the library in order to get the display case set up, but did not see that reflected in the minutes noting the importance of indicating that the DAC connects with the library.

MOVED BY MEMBER IBARRA AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLDBABER THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 AS CORRECTED.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDBABER, HOULT, IBARRA, SHERY, SOOKNE,  
TENENSAP  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: PALLEY, SANDOVAL

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, thanked Laurance Ma for her efforts noting that she was moving on to a new position.

MOVED BY MEMBER GOLDBABER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF LAURENCE MA WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HER EFFORTS OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS ON THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDBABER, HOULT, IBARRA, SHERY, SOOKNE,  
TENENSAP  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: PALLEY, SANDOVAL

Laurence Ma, Administrative Clerk, expressed appreciation for the well wishes and indicated that she would be working for a non-profit.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding appreciation to Laurence Ma; keeping in contact; and replacement staff.

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, noted that the purpose of the meeting was to decide who would be getting the commendation as there is another meeting scheduled in two weeks on October 6.

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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**

Laurence Ma, Administrative Clerk, reported responding to email regarding nominations where she clarified that it is preferable to nominate someone outside of the DAC and she reported that commendations are offered to all outgoing Members of the DAC.

Committee Members who had received nominations asked that their names be taken off the list and individual nominations were read and discussed.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the ability of Laurence Ma to receive a commendation; recognition of L.A. Goal as an organization; origin of the nominations; whether to award more than one person; past practice; support for an individual who assists parent advocates for children in the school system; and impactful work done by Lindsay Crain.

MOVED BY MEMBER GOLDBABER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SANDOVAL THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AWARD THE INDIVIDUAL

COMMENDATION FOR "OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES" TO LINDSAY CRAIN.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDBABER, HOULT, IBARRA, SHERY, SOOKNE,  
TENENSAP  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: PALLEY, SANDOVAL

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, read the nominations for organizations and provided links for each of them to Committee Members.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification that the founder of L.A. Goal previously received the individual award; appreciation for the support of the Carnival by Leaps n Boundz over the years; clarification regarding eligibility requirements; location of the organization; providing services in Culver City; support for previous work done by Park Century School; the fee-based Undivided app; the importance of raising awareness of start-ups; encouragement to organizations not chosen to reapply next year; services provided by L.A. Goal; support for recognizing newer organizations; support for Leaps n Boundz; and several Members expressed support for forming a subcommittee to visit the organizations to gather information to provide as a resource for the community or to invite the organizations to make a presentation to the Committee.

Member Alvarez expressed support for L.A. Goal.

MOVED BY MEMBER SHERY AND SECONDED BY MEMBER HOULT THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AWARD THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMENDATION FOR "OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES" TO LEAPS N BOUNDZ.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ALVAREZ, GOLDBABER, HOULT, IBARRA, SHERY, SOOKNE,  
TENENSAP  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: PALLEY, SANDOVAL

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, indicated that the commendations would be given out at the City Council meeting on October 11.

Member Hoult stated that she would have a poem focused on Disability Awareness.

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

Chair Tenensap invited public comment.

Laurence Ma, Administrative Clerk, indicated that no public comment had been received.

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#### **Receipt of Correspondence**

Laurence Ma, Administrative Clerk, reported receipt of an email from Member Palley regarding her absence from the meeting and also email that she had distributed regarding CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) 2022-2023 with Public Works to contact Members Ibarra and Shery to provide additional information.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the timing of receipt of information and Member availability.

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

Member Sookne presented the display for Disability Awareness Month for the library.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding appreciation for the work of Members Hoult and Palley; location of the display; those included in the display; distribution of bags for the Girl Scouts to decorate for the Carnival; including Disability Awareness calendars and fliers for distribution at the library; and inclusion of the Disability Awareness Month factoids on the back of the calendar.

Member Hoult discussed attending the September Cultural Affairs Commission meeting where there was a discussion of how the Arts fit into the General Plan Update; the importance

of incorporating creative artists; the need to finalize the letter to the Culver Arts Foundation and the Cultural Affairs Commission as they are working on the General Plan Update; and the focus on the Cultural Economy rather than the art component.

Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community Services Specialist, provided photos of Culver City Doorstep visits and discussed efforts to provide summertime fun.

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, discussed participants in the Culver City Doorstep visits; the first in-person Socialites event held the previous weekend; and she noted that the next meeting would be taking place during Disability Awareness month.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the calendar of events; the Carnival on October 10, the City Council meeting on October 11, and the Jazz Hands for Autism performance on October 29 for Fiesta La Ballona; distribution of information about Disability Awareness Month and Fire Department information about how to set up your profile at the Culver Arts Foundation event at Tito's Tacos on October 4 and the Artwalk on October 9; the special meeting on October 6; and staff agreed to email the list of events and dates to Committee Members.

Member Ibarra indicated that she would not be available on October 6 and had emailed to let staff know.

Member Hoult invited anyone interested to join her in the Drum Circle in Media Park on the fourth Saturday of every month at noon.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 7:43 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned to a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via Webex.

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Melanie Morales

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

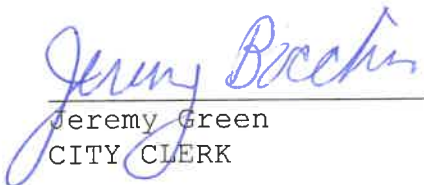
APPROVED 10/6/2021



Robyn Terensap

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

28 AUG 2023  
Date