

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

June 8, 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 6:36 P.M. in the Armstrong Room.

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

Absent: Jorge Sandoval, Vice Chair
Janice Goldhaber, Member

Staff Present: Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community
Services Supervisor
Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community
Services Specialist

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This Item was considered out of sequence.

Presentations

Item P-1

**Presentation to the Disability Advisory Committee from the
Culver City Transportation Department on Future City of
Culver City Mobility Plans**

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, discussed efforts to reimagine mobility in the City; disability and

senior services; the vision for mobility; enhancing quality of life; services provided; ridership; increased efficiency; efforts to improve ease of access; feedback received from senior focus groups; scheduling; collaboration with the Senior Center; group activities; on demand services; vehicle type; and the extension of the Circulator to the Senior Center.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding availability of weekend service; clarification that the Circulator is a CityRide vehicle; the ability to take motorized scooters onto the Circulator; inclusion of UCLA Medical Center and Kaiser West Los Angeles as part of Senior Scheduled Services; coordination with groups with developmental disabilities; those who qualify for Access services; Westside Regional; designated stops on the Circulator; LA Goal; education and outreach; access for minors; the Go Pass; parent supervision; low-income passes; caregivers; sign language interpreters; fixed routes; Dial-A-Ride; and clarification that Public Works takes care of parking spaces.

MOVED BY MEMBER SHERY, SECONDED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT (ABSENT VICE CHAIR SANDOVAL AND MEMBER GOLDBABER).

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Item P-2

Presentation to the Disability Advisory Committee from the Culver City Public Works Department on the Methodology for Establishing Priorities and Addressing Repairs in the City

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, provided background on himself and a presentation on the methodology for establishing priorities and addressing repairs in the City; discussed public right of way; prioritization; safety; liability; budgeting; goals and objectives of the Mayor and the City Council; ensuring that emergency funding is set aside; staffing levels; use of in-house vs. outside vendors; and typical turnaround time for routine tasks.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding sidewalk repair; trip and fall claims; precision repairing; rubber sidewalks; the intersection of Washington

and Higuera; difficulty of maneuvering specific types of intersections for the disabled; minimum clearance for ADA (Americans with Disabilities) compliance; ADA ramps; ensuring that concerns of the public can be heard and addressed; places that have been reported over and over again; inspection of work done by the contractor; ongoing maintenance; damage done by a consultant making repairs; the lack of access and the inability for regular citizens to get their issues addressed; finding the disconnect; responsive, professional staff in Culver City; workload; staffing levels; and a request to have Gabe Garcia provide a presentation on disabled parking spaces.

MOVED BY MEMBER SHERY, SECONDED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT (ABSENT VICE CHAIR SANDOVAL AND MEMBER GOLDBABER).

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Item P-3

Presentation to the Disability Advisory Committee from Member and Achievable Foundation CEO Carmen Ibarra on People-First Language

Committee Members thanked Member Shery for his many years of service on the Committee.

Member Ibarra provided a presentation on People First language; discussed the ADA definition of the word disability; historical perspective on individuals with developmental disabilities; important legislation; guiding principles; the power of language; personal preference; using words with dignity; and language that is no longer acceptable.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding qualifications for Regional Center; old literature; the word invalid; concern with negative words; the importance of watching what language is used; adding to negativity; the learning process; words and actions; the importance of addressing people directly; integration efforts; infantilization of people with disabilities; judgement; discrimination; and identifying preferences.

MOVED BY MEMBER SHERY, SECONDED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT (ABSENT VICE CHAIR SANDOVAL AND MEMBER GOLDHABER).

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Receive and File Correspondence

Member Hoult discussed an article in the Washington Post about Long COVID as changing the way that people think about disability.

MOVED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER SHERY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE THE ARTICLE FROM MEMBER HOULT ON LONG TERM DISABILITY FROM COVID (ABSENT VICE CHAIR SANDOVAL AND MEMBER GOLDHABER).

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This Item was Considered Out of Sequence

Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Tenensap invited public comment.

Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community Services Specialist, 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 February 9, 2022

MOVED BY MEMBER IBARRA, SECONDED BY MEMBER SHERY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2022 AS SUBMITTED (ABSENT VICE CHAIR SANDOVAL AND MEMBER GOLDHABER).

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Order of the Agenda

Presentations were heard after the Call to Order, and Public Comment for Items NOT On The Agenda was heard after Receive and File Correspondence.

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Action Items

Item A-1

DAC - (1) Create a Disability Advisory Committee Biannual Report to the City Council, including Accomplishments for the Period January through June 2022, and a Status Update on the 2022 Work Plans; and (2) Authorize Transmittal of the Written Report to the City Council

Jill Thomsen, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, introduced the item.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding presentations from agencies; doctors who specialize in individuals with disabilities; scheduling; information on brain injuries; creation of a survey; survey distribution; physical vs. online surveys; postcards with QR codes; collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce; Committee agreement at the last meeting to encourage the City Council to create a position to manage ADA related issues and concern with the removal of the comment without consulting the Committee; concern that protocol outlined in the minutes had not been followed which indicated that the changes would be transmitted to the City; time constraints; agreement to consult with the Director as to why the item was deleted; the workplan; meeting frequency; Committee bylaws; agreement that staff and Members would approach various groups for presentations including Jazz Hands for Autism, the Regional Center, the Department of Rehabilitation, West Los Angeles College, the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD), and the Achievable Foundation; and agreement to continue the discussion of the workplan.

MOVED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER SOOKNE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUBMIT COMMITTEE COMMENTS WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE COMMITTEE SEEKS CLARIFICATION ON WHY THE DIRECTOR DELETED THE COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR CREATION OF A POSITION TO MANAGE ADA RELATED

ISSUES (ABSENT VICE CHAIR SANDOVAL AND MEMBER GOLDHABER WITH MEMBER IBARRA ABSTAINING).

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Item A-2

DAC - Discussion and Planning for Disability Awareness Month

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding putting out the call for recognition of individuals and organizations for proclamations and Disability Awareness Month; Fiesta La Ballona; scheduling; weather; pandemic concerns; events for Disability Awareness month; and virtual events.

MOVED BY MEMBER SHERY, SECONDED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DIRECT TO STAFF SOLICIT NOMINATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR RECOGNITION DURING DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH IN OCTOBER FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SEPTEMBER DAC MEETING (ABSENT VICE CHAIR SANDOVAL AND MEMBER GOLDHABER).

MOVED BY MEMBER SHERY, SECONDED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DIRECT STAFF TO GET ON THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST MEETING IN OCTOBER FOR DECLARING OCTOBER AS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH IN OCTOBER (ABSENT VICE CHAIR SANDOVAL AND MEMBER GOLDHABER).

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding former nominees and awardees, and a suggestion that Committee Members bring creative ideas for Disability Awareness Month activities to the next meeting.

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Item A-3

DAC - [Standing Item: Any or all of the Following Actions, If Desired] (1) Receipt and Filing of Updates from the Members of the Disability Advisory Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittees; (2) Formation of New and/or Dissolution of Existing Ad Hoc Subcommittee(s) and, (3) Appointment of Two Committee Members to Newly-Formed Ad Hoc Subcommittee(s)

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding lack of communication with Vice Chair Sandoval; the need for the Committee to write a letter to the City Council regarding the number of unexcused absences; the number of open positions; providing information to the City Clerk; length of term; City Council recognition of the retirement of Member Shery; selection of the Chair and Vice Chair at the next meeting; and clarification that none of the subcommittees had met.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Tenensap invited public comment.

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

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Items from Disability Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Member Sookne asked that the Committee agendize consideration of supporting a Girl Scout who is willing to re-write the training manual for the Carnival and Disability Awareness.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the ability of someone to write a manual for their project and present it to the Committee; sponsorship by the Exchange Club; and a suggestion to invite Sophie Horton to provide a presentation on her Golden Award Project.

MOVED BY MEMBER SOOKNE, SECONDED BY MEMBER IBARRA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDIZE CONSIDERATION OF SPONSORING SOPHIE HORTON ON HER CULVER CITY GIRL SCOUT GOLDEN AWARD PROJECT ON DISABILITY AWARENESS (ABSENT VICE CHAIR SANDOVAL AND MEMBER GOLDHABER.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members on holding hybrid meetings to allow greater participation; the decision of the City Clerk and the City Council; previous communication with the City Clerk's Office; providing a disability accommodation; doing research into what is actually being asked and the technology involved;

understanding what has to be done in order to facilitate the request; funding required; ADA requirements; other bodies that meet in a hybrid fashion; captioning; a request to agendaize a discussion of making a Committee request to the City Council; concern with a lack of ADA access on the sidewalk under the 405 freeway at Venice; and the ADA Compliance Officer for the City.

MOVED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER SOOKNE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE INVITE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AND ADA COMPLIANCE OFFICER ONYX JONES TO A DAC MEETING TO DISCUSS ADA ISSUES (ABSENT VICE CHAIR SANDOVAL AND MEMBER GOLDHABER, WITH MEMBER IBARRA ABSTAINING).

MOVED BY MEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER SHERY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE INVITE CITY CLERK JEREMY BOCCHINO TO A DAC MEETING TO DISCUSS HYBRID MEETINGS (ABSENT VICE CHAIR SANDOVAL AND MEMBER GOLDHABER).

Member Shery expressed appreciation for being able to serve the Committee.

Member Hoult discussed distribution of her books and agreed to provide a link to staff for an interview on youtube for the Culver Arts group.

Member Sookne expressed concern with knowledge lost with the retirement of Member Shery and she asked that he email any thoughts about the Committee to staff.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:27 P.M., the Disability Advisory Committee adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 10, 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 8/10/2022



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 Green
CITY CLERK

28 AUG 2023

Date