

City of Fresno
Disability Advisory Commission
DRAFT - UNAPPROVED
Minutes of the August 09, 2022 Meeting

Commission Members Present: Chair Ken Elvington, Vice Chair Nicole Turpin, Commissioner Bill Hyatt, Commissioner Frances Reyes Acosta, Commissioner Dr. Jenelle Pitt Parker

Excused: Commissioner Mary Beth Randall, Commissioner Susan Coulter

Subcommittee Members Present: Chenier Derrick, Sarah Harris, Marla Williams, Jillian Gaytan

ADA Coordinator: Shannon M. Mulhall

DAC Secretary: Priscilla Bowen

1. Call to Order.

Chair Ken Elvington called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM. Self-introductions were made.

2. Approval of the Agenda.

The agenda was read aloud by ADA Coordinator, Shannon Mulhall who asked for an amendment to change the DAC Secretary to reflect Priscilla Bowen instead of Christina Robles. By motion of Commissioner Jenelle Pitt Parker and seconded by Commissioner Frances Reyes Acosta, the agenda was approved as amended by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. ID 22-1296: Approval of the June 14, 2022, Regular DAC Meeting Minutes.

By motion of Commissioner Frances Reyes Acosta and second by Vice Chair Nicole Turpin, the minutes was approved by unanimous vote.

4. Member Reports and Comments

Chair Ken Elvington reported that there is a possibility of the case services portion of the Department of Rehabilitation office to be moved to an office on Shaw Avenue and Marks Avenue. There is not a timeline, but Chair Elvington wanted to make sure people were aware of the movement of their office and services.

5. Secretary's and ADA Coordinator's Report

ADA Coordinator Shannon Mulhall reported that the ADA Annual Report and Transition Plan Addendum are both being prepared and thanked the ADA Liaisons from City departments for their work on it.

ADA Coordinator Mulhall announced the new ADA Coordinator as Joe Hinojosa who will be starting that role soon.

6. Unscheduled Communication/Public Comments

Yonas Paulos wanted to inform the commission and the public of the annual Stand Down event for Veterans. Veterans will receive resources, health care, food, housing assistance and be connected to services free of charge. The event will be at the VFW on Ashlan and Blythe on September 14th and 15th .

7. Action Items

a. ID 22-1298 DAC Awards

By motion of Commissioner Bill Hyatt and seconded by Commission Jenelle Pitt Parker, the DAC Awards were motion to be postponed for the year. The motion fails.

Commissioners and the public shared the view of the awards being an important piece of the DAC's existence and important to keep people with disabilities and their needs in public view. Awards will continue as scheduled.

8. Presentations

a. ID 22-1299 Blackstone McKinley Grade Separation Project

Jesus Avitia and Alex Gonzalez with the City of Fresno's Department of Public Works are project managers for the Blackstone McKinley Grade Separation project. They came to give details about the project and what that means for the traffic and pedestrians in that area. They explained the movement of the McKinley and Blackstone going under the railroad tracks along with utilities and telecommunications lines. The construction is expected to take about 2.5 years.

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Transportation

Carolina Illic is the Planning Manager for FAX and announced upcoming workshops on proposed new service routes that would service the downtown transit center at Courthouse Park to Amazon and Ulta. In-person workshops are August 11 and 20, and the virtual workshop is August 17.

i. ID 22-1297 Appoint Belinda McMillan Haener to the Transportation Subcommittee

By motion of Vice Chair Nicole Turpin and second by Commissioner Bill Hyatt, the appointment was approved by unanimous vote.

b. Housing

Vice Chair Nicole Turpin reported that the Housing Subcommittee had a presentation from the City of Fresno's HART Team. Vice Chair Turpin said the presentation brought up some issues regarding treatment of homeless, funding, and more that she wishes to re-evaluate at some point.

10. Adjournment

Adjourned called for at 12:12 PM by Chair Ken Elvington. By motion of Commissioner Jenelle Pitt Parker and second by Vice Chair Nicole Turpin, the meeting was adjourned.