



City of Fresno

City Hall
2600 Fresno Street
2nd Floor, Meeting
Room A (2165)

Meeting Minutes - Final Disability Advisory Commission

Chairperson Dr. Jenelle Pitt
Vice Chair Tiffany Potter
Board Member Frances Reyes Acosta
Board Member Michelle Bronson
Board Member (ex officio) Carlos Duarte
Board Member Ken Elvington
Board Member Heather Flores
Board Member Mary Beth Randall

DAC Secretary Shannon M. Mulhall

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

10:00 AM

City Hall
2600 Fresno Street
Meeting Room 1031 (1st
Floor)
**NOTE CHANGE OF
LOCATION**

Regular Session

1. Call To Order

Chair Pitt called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

Present 6 - Chairperson Dr. Jenelle Pitt, Vice Chair Tiffany Potter, Board Member Michelle Bronson, Board Member (ex officio) Carlos Duarte, Board Member Heather Flores, and Board Member Mary Beth Randall

Excused 1 - Board Member Frances Reyes Acosta

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Randall, seconded by Board Member Flores, that this was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Pitt, Vice Chair Potter, Board Member Bronson, Board Member Flores and Board Member Randall

Excused: 1 - Board Member Reyes Acosta

Minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting

On motion of Board Member Flores, seconded by Board Member Bronson, that the above be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Pitt, Vice Chair Potter, Board Member Bronson, Board Member Flores and Board Member Randall

Excused: 1 - Board Member Reyes Acosta

Minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting

On motion of Board Member Bronson, seconded by Board Member Flores, that the above be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Pitt, Vice Chair Potter, Board Member Bronson, Board Member Flores and Board Member Randall

Excused: 1 - Board Member Reyes Acosta

Minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting

On motion of Board Member Bronson, seconded by Chairperson Pitt, that the above be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Pitt, Vice Chair Potter, Board Member Bronson, Board Member Flores and Board Member Randall

Excused: 1 - Board Member Reyes Acosta

3. Member Reports and Comments

Vice Chair Potter shared that she has been working with the state Office of Emergency Services and the CDSS doing trainings. United Learning Foundation (ULF) is launching a new Compassionate Vendor Program (CVP) which will train and certify local businesses who have been trained by ULF and add those businesses to the CVP registry list. Currently the website is in development and she is working on the trademark for the CVP logo.

Member Flores shared that Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC) Director Robert Riddick will be retiring in May/June, so they are starting a nationwide

search.

Chair Pitt shared that CSU Fresno will be holding a conference on February 28, 2015 on the intersection of race, gender, and mental health. They are currently accepting presentation proposals.

4. Secretary's Report

Secretary Mulhall introduced Ken Elvington, who has been appointed by the Mayor to the DAC. His appointment is scheduled to be confirmed by council on December 18, 2014.

Secretary Mulhall shared that the Fresno Police Department offered training for their officers and staff on Mental Illnesses which she recently had the opportunity to sit in on. It was highly informative and will be very beneficial to the department.

5. Unscheduled Communication / Public Comments

The following member(s) of the public spoke to the DAC about items not on the agenda:

Jan Joaquin of Joni and Friends shared that their Summit, which was held on 10/24/14-10/25/14 and featured keynote speaker Joni Earekson Tada, was successful.

6. Action Items

6-A [ID#14-642](#) Legistar Agenda Review

This item will be heard on January 13, 2015.

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6-B [ID#14-647](#) 2015 Meeting Schedule

The 2015 DAC meeting will be held on second Tuesday of each month with no meetings in July and November. An amendment was made to hold the August meeting the first week of the month, on August 8, 2015. On motion of Board Member Randall, seconded by Board Member Bronson, that the above Action Item be adopted as amended.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Pitt, Vice Chair Potter, Board Member Bronson,
Board Member Flores and Board Member Randall

Excused: 1 - Board Member Reyes Acosta

7. Presentations

7-A [ID#14-641](#) ADA Title II Overview

Secretary Mulhall provided the DAC with an overview of the common items that appear on the Department of Justice (DOJ) Project Civic Access (PCA) settlements along with how the City of Fresno is measuring up to the settlement requirements. In the upcoming year presentations will be provided that go into more detail on specific aspects.

8. Subcommittee Reports

8-A Outreach Subcommittee

Appointed to this committee are Chair Pitt, Member Flores, and Member Reyes Acosta. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Mulhall reported that funding had been identified for the missing portion of the sidewalk between The Arc and CVRC to be constructed. Construction will be completed before the end of the fiscal year.

8-B Transportation Subcommittee

Appointed to this subcommittee are Members Duarte and Reyes Acosta, FAX Assistant Director Schaad, FAX Operations Manager Elizabeth Watlington, and community members Bill Hyatt.

Transportation subcommittee meetings will be held quarterly in 2015 in January, April, August, and October, coinciding with the dates of the regular DAC meetings.

Member Duarte reported that there have been staffing changes at Handy Ride, with the Operations Manager retiring. Currently they are reviewing ADA requirements with Handy Ride dispatchers. Additional vehicles are continuing to be added to the Handy Ride fleet. The department anticipates that the Triennial Federal Transit Authority (FTA) audit will commence in April 2015.

[ID#14-648](#) Transportation Subcommittee Recommendation Letter

Approval of the draft transportation recommendation letter will be continued to the next meeting once the Transportation Subcommittee has finalized it.

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9. Task Forces

There are currently no active DAC task forces.

Adjournment

On motion of Board Member Bronson, seconded by Vice Chair Potter, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31am. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Pitt, Vice Chair Potter, Board Member Bronson, Board Member Flores and Board Member Randall

Excused: 1 - Board Member Reyes Acosta