

City of Fresno
Disability Advisory Commission
DRAFT - UNAPPROVED
Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Meeting

Commission Members Present: Chair Ken Elvington, Vice Chair Nicole Turpin, Commissioner Dr. Jenelle Pitt Parker, Commissioner Susan Coulter, Commissioner Bill Hyatt, Commissioner Frances Reyes Acosta (10:41am)

Excused: None

Subcommittee Members Present: Marla Williams, Yonas Paulos

ADA Coordinator: Joe Hinojosa

DAC Secretary: Diane Longoria

1. Call to Order.

Chair Ken Elvington called the meeting to order at 10:36 AM.

2. Approval of the Agenda.

Chair Ken Elvington asked for a motion to approve the agenda. By motion of Commissioner Jenelle Pitt Parker and seconded by Vice Chair Nicole Turpin. The agenda was approved as written by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes

ID 23-98: Approval of the November 8, 2022, Regular DAC Meeting Minutes.

By motion of Commissioner Vice Chair Nicole Turpin and seconded by Commissioner Susan Coulter, and abstained by Chair Ken Elvington, the minutes were approved as written.

4. Member Reports and Comments

Chair Ken Elvington stated that the Department of Rehabilitation has a new program or service for persons with disabilities. This service can provide adult based work experience. The Department of Rehabilitation can subsidize up to 300 hours of employment and training. This is a great opportunity for those persons with disabilities. Chair Ken Elvington commented that he would like to add an agenda item pertaining to "Public Outreach". He would like to discuss ways to improve participation from the public.

Vice Chair Nicole Turpin stated that the Heads-Up program is launching this month. This program aims to assist people with traumatic brain injury. There is an online service that screens individuals for lifetime prevalence of traumatic brain injury. There are different levels of screening. Once those individuals are diagnosed there are resources available to them. For more information email Headsup@ricv.org or email Vice Chair Turpin at nturpin@ricv.org.

Vice Chair Nicole Turpin also announced a resource for RICV which is an Emergency Preparedness Program. This program assists with providing generators and other items for those with disabilities who may not be able to take advantage of the heating and cooling centers.

Commissioner Frances Reyes Acosta spoke about the possibility of creating a Facebook page for the Disability Advisory Commission (DAC).

5. Secretary's and ADA Coordinator's Report

ADA Coordinator, Joe Hinojosa stated due to inclement weather, heating and cooling centers are currently open for 24/hrs. A flyer with additional information will be emailed out to the group. Joe Hinojosa also discussed putting on the next agenda a discussion regarding "Facebook."

6. Unscheduled Communication/Public Comments

Yonas Paulos made the following comment. "We are finding dead people on our streets unhoused, some of them are veterans, please pray for our unhoused."

7. Action Item

ID 23-99: Approval of DAC Housing Sub-committee 2023 meeting schedule

ADA Coordinator, Joe Hinojosa discussed the 2023 proposed dates and times for the DAC Housing Sub-committee and asked the commission for their approval for the entire year or for the next meeting which would be on January 27, 2023. By motion of Vice Chair Nicole Turpin and seconded by Commissioner Frances Reyes Acosta approved the DAC Housing Sub-committee meeting for January 27, 2023. All approved by unanimous vote.

8. Presentation

ID 23-100: Presentation from Central California Legal Services on Tenant Rights

Harpreet Singh, HPP Managing Attorney gave a presentation on their Home Prevention Project. Central California Legal Services (CCLS) is a non-profit law firm that provides assistance to low-income individuals, families, organizations and communities. His presentation focused on the following areas:

- Eligibility
- Identifying a potential referral
- At-Fault cause
- No-Fault cause
- Rent increase Caps and exceptions
- Single family home exemptions
- Illegal evictions

Harpreet Singh responded to questions from the commission. A copy of the PowerPoint will be sent out to the commission.

For more information call (559) 570-1298 or email KFHPP@centralcallegal.org.

Joe Hinojosa briefly stated that the City of Fresno has an eviction protection program available to those who may be at risk of being evicted.

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Transportation

Joe Hinojosa stated that the Transportation Transition Plan was presented at the last Transportation Sub-committee meeting. The transition plan covered FAX bus stop renovations and locations. The renovations will meet ADA requirements.

b. Housing

Vice Chair Nicole Turpin had nothing to report.

Marla Williams announced that the state of emergency that was declared for the affordable housing crises provided additional funding from the state. The City of Fresno made available community centers that will be open 24 hours through 1/15. After the 15th they will be open at specific times through January 31, 2023, at the following locations:

- Maxie L. Parks Community Center
- Mosqueda Community Center
- Pinedale Community Center (7am-8am)
- Ted C. Wills Community Center

Blankets, beds, meals, and transportation will be available.

10. Adjournment

Adjourned called for at 12:21 PM.