



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, March 10, 2015

10:00 AM

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2600 Fresno Street
Meeting Room A (2165)

Regular Session

1. Call To Order

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

Present 5 - Vice Chair Tiffany Potter, Board Member Michelle Bronson, Board Member (ex officio) Carlos Duarte, Board Member Ken Elvington, and Board Member Mary Beth Randall

Excused 2 - Chairperson Dr. Jenelle Pitt, and Board Member Heather Flores

Absent 1 - Board Member Frances Reyes Acosta

2. Approval of Minutes

[ID#15-201](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory Commission Minutes from February 10, 2015

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

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Potter, Board Member Bronson, Board Member Elvington and Board Member Randall

Excused: 2 - Chairperson Pitt and Board Member Flores

Absent: 1 - Board Member Reyes Acosta

3. Member Reports and Comments

There were no member reports or comments.

4. Secretary's Report

Secretary Mulhall shared with the commission a new brochure created by the City of Fresno, Frequently Asked Questions for Business Owners about the ADA.

Public Forums on the 5 -year Consolidated Plan are currently being held. People with disabilities are encouraged to attend and provide input on housing issues.

The next DAC meeting is scheduled for April. 14, 2015. The transportation subcommittee will meet at 8am; the regular meeting will be at 10am.

5. Unscheduled Communication / Public Comments

The following members of the public spoke to the DAC regarding items not on the agenda:

Joseph Bendetta and Evelyn Rockwell from the California Veterans Home spoke regarding a request for the extension of the speedzone at California/Marchs, which is currently set at 55 MPH. They requested the addition of a stop sign at Kearney Blvd near the home.

6. Action Items

[ID#15-202](#) Fresno Area Express "Next Bus" Signs

Jeff Long from Council on Governments (COG) and Carlos Duarte presented on the Fresno Area Express (FAX) "Next Bus" signs which will include both raised text and Braille for individuals with visual disabilities. These signs will include the bus route, the stop number, and a phone number where riders can call to find out what time the next bus will be arriving at the stop. Funding will allow for the installation at 1600-1800 stops; ideally all should be installed by the end of the calendar year. Concern was expressed over the need for these signs to be in consistent

locations from stop to stop. FAX will mount all signs on the FAX bus poles and in a manner such as there will only be a one-inch overhang into the sidewalk. The suggestion was made that FAX should begin installation at the major transit hubs (such as the courthouse and Manchester Center) and work beginning with the most frequently used routes/stops. Long mentioned that a group at Fresno City College has created a mobile app that includes information about FAX routes. DAC requested to make contact with the app developers to discuss accessibility.

The commission opened the floor for members of the public to speak on this agenda item.

Ken Warkentin, Executive Director of the Valley Center for the Blind commended the City and FAX for being proactive with this project and partnering with their center throughout the process.

[ID#15-200](#) Facilities Transition Plan Update

Secretary Mulhall presented on the Draft Facilities Transition Plan.

On motion of Board Member Randall, seconded by Board Member Bronson, that the Facilities priorities list be approved as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Potter, Board Member Bronson, Board Member Elvington and Board Member Randall

Excused: 2 - Chairperson Pitt and Board Member Flores

Absent: 1 - Board Member Reyes Acosta

7. Subcommittee Reports

7-A. Outreach Subcommittee

No action was taken on this item.

7-B. Transportation Subcommittee

No action was taken on this item.

8. Task Forces

8-A. [ID#15-203](#) Legistar Review Task Force Report

On motion of Board Member Elvington, seconded by Board Member

Bronson, that the draft letter be approved as amended, with minor grammatical changes and the additional suggestion of translator service. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Potter, Board Member Bronson, Board Member Elvington and Board Member Randall

Excused: 2 - Chairperson Pitt and Board Member Flores

Absent: 1 - Board Member Reyes Acosta

9. Adjournment

There being no further business of the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 am.