



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Final Disability Advisory Commission

Chairperson Frances Reyes Acosta
Board Member (ex officio) Carlos Duarte
Board Member Ken Elvington
Board Member Heather Flores
Board Member Dr. Jenelle Pitt
Board Member Mary Beth Randall
Board Member Susan Coulter
Board Member Norman Norwood, Jr.
DAC Secretary Shannon M. Mulhall

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

10:00 AM

City Hall, Second Floor,
Meeting Room A (2165)

Regular Meeting

1. Call To Order

meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

Present 8 - Chairperson Frances Reyes Acosta, Board Member (ex officio) Carlos Duarte, Board Member Ken Elvington, Board Member Heather Flores, Board Member Dr. Jenelle Pitt, Vice Chair Mary Beth Randall, Board Member Susan Coulter, and Board Member Norman Norwood

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes

[ID18-0595](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory Commission Minutes from April 10, 2018

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

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Reyes Acosta, Board Member (ex officio) Duarte, Board Member Elvington, Board Member Flores, Board Member Pitt, Vice Chair Randall, Board Member Coulter and Board Member Norwood

4. Presentations

[ID18-0596](#) Public Works Landscape Division SVS Contract

Landscape Maintenance manager Aaron Aguirre and Social Vocational Service program coordinator Peter Abetia presented to the commission about the Public Works Landscape Division Contract with Social Vocational Service. Aguirre indicated that this contract should be expanding to include PARCS in the future. Abetia and program participants shared about the work experience.

Chair Reyes Acosta asked about the pay scale of the employees. Abetia responded that they provide sub minimum wage as allowed based on skills.

5. Member Reports and Comments

Member Coulter presented that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center recently met with Sgt. Serrano of the Police Department Domestic Violence unit to discuss ways to collaborate and brainstorm ways to improve services to Deaf/Hard of Hearing victims. Coulter further reported that the Sacramento Deaf Services office is changing and there are proposed budget cuts that would impact their funding. The DHHSC Executive Director is continuing to advocate at the capital and all are encouraged to send letters to support funding for Deaf programming. Lastly, Coulter reported that she is collaborating with the Fresno Airport regarding communications with Deaf/Hard of Hearing in the terminal.

Member Elvington shared that service dog users should be aware that Delta airlines is requiring rabies vaccination verification and a form from the doctor. He encouraged service dog users check with airlines in advance of travel for any changed requirements.

Member Flores shared that the State Council on Developmental Disabilities

and the Fresno Police Department recently conducted a successful training at Central Valley Regional Center "Law Enforcement and Me" with over 50 people in attendance. Flores reported that Central Valley Regional Center now has eight certified person-centered trainers, including Reva Guimont who has worked diligently for year to make this happen.

Chair Reyes Acosta stated that TDDP is working on regulations and will have hearing to better understand the needs of the community in regards to communications and internet access. She stated that HB 620 is currently being heard in the Senate having already passed the house. She stated that A-Z Home Medical equipment is interested in supporting non-profits that need supplies, food, and water.

6. Secretary's Report

Secretary Mulhall reported that in June the Achievement Awards nomination period will open. She reported that Accessible Fresno Small Business Initiative is working on developing an outreach team of interns to assist with getting the word out about the program and signing businesses up to participate. The next business training is scheduled for June 28 at 9am.

7. Unscheduled Communication / Public Comments

Sarah Harris from RICV and CCB addressed the commission. Sign-ups for the bus to Disability Capital Action Day in Sacramento close this Thursday. The BRIDGES summer program is open for applicants; the recent fundraiser earned \$800. The CCB fundraiser breakfast will be on 7/14 8am - 10am.

Veronica Hernandez from CCB addressed the commission. She stated that Eaton Elementary has a program for parents of blind children; need more participation.

Yonas Paulos addressed the commission. He shared a story of a Veteran who was able to be housed within one day. On 5/28 will be a Veterans event in Calwa, he plans to have a booth. Paulos expressed concern about the deportation of Veterans.

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the DAC on any matter not on this agenda (presentation are limited to 3 minutes per person). The DAC is generally legally prohibited from taking any action on information presented in unscheduled communication until subsequent meetings.

8. Subcommittee Reports

8-A. Outreach Subcommittee

Member Pitt reported that they are still seeking feedback on the media resource guide. The commission asked for the first draft to be sent to them; feedback can be emailed to Secretary Mulhall.

8-B. Transportation Subcommittee

Member Duarte reported that they are instituting new driver shifts. There are 16 new vehicles in June. He stated that the subcommittee had requested monthly statistics for review. FAX has a new mobile application for use. Handy Ride contract with Keolis has an extension through next February and they may qualify for an additional year after that, then there will be an RFP open for bidders. Chair Reyes Acosta asked if people with disabilities can be involved in the selection process.

There was a discussion about the transportation to Inspiration Park. Member Elvington suggested some kind of shuttle bus from Manchester to the Park on an hourly basis. Vice Chair Randall suggested that the city consider using ride shares in addition to the system.

Yonas Paulos addressed the commission to thank FAX for going to the Veteran's home the day before. He noted that there is still a need for sidewalks there as well.

9. Task Forces

Adjournment

On motion of Vice Chair Randall, seconded by Board Member Elvington, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 am. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Reyes Acosta, Board Member (ex officio) Duarte, Board Member Elvington, Board Member Flores, Board Member Pitt, Vice Chair Randall, Board Member Coulter and Board Member Norwood

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