



**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
MINUTES  
Monday, February 8, 2010  
6:00 PM**

*FIFTH FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL,  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, 92522  
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 951-826-5427*

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*“The mission of the Commission on Disabilities is to promote greater awareness of, respect for, and the total participation of individuals with disabilities into all aspects of life.”*

State law restricts the Commission on Disabilities from taking action on an item unless it has been included on an agenda and posted at least 72 hours in advance of a meeting or unless the matter falls within one of the narrow exceptions. Consequently, any item not listed on this agenda will normally have to be delayed until the item can be made part of a posted agenda.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Roll Call: Chairperson Debbie Keller, James Stream, Gigi Welch, Lesley Robinson, Linda Garcia, Donald Hawecker, Virginia Werly, Jack Brewer, and Ty Lawyer

ABSENT: (excused) Paul Van Doren

Also in attendance were: General Services Director Kris Martinez, Deputy City Attorney Neil Okazaki and ADA Coordinator Monique Gordon.

2. **Introductions and Public Comment Period** - This is the portion of the meeting specifically set aside to invite your comments regarding any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction. Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes.
  - a. Commissioner Linda Garcia reviewed and summarized articles of interest presented at the meeting.
  - b. Commissioner Jim Stream introduced an item of discussion for the next meeting concerning people with developmental disabilities. He also requested that a survey be distributed concerning this topic.
  - c. Commissioner Lesley Robinson commented on how the RTA cutbacks have negatively affected her personally and also announced that she will be running for Ms. Wheelchair California.
  - d. Donna Kirchoff – Inland Regional Center
  - e. Linda Lawyer - Resident

3. Minutes for the meeting of November 9, 2009 and January 11, 2010

- a. M/S Werly/Garcia and unanimous to approve the minutes from November 9, 2009.

AYES – 8 (Keller, Stream, Welch, Robinson, Hawecker, Werly, Brewer, Lawyer); NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 0; ABSENT – 1 (Van Doren)

- b. M/S Werly/Brewer to approve the minutes from January 11, 2010.

AYES – 6 (, Stream, Welch, Robinson, Hawecker, Werly, Brewer); NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 2 (Keller, Lawyer); ABSENT – 1 (Van Doren)

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2010 Work Plan - Review Format

Noted by the COD.

2. Commission Annual Report – Comments Due

Commissioner Garcia noted outstanding items for the upcoming annual report.

3. Housing Modification and Affordable Housing Resources – Housing Element Update (Paul Van Doren)

This item was noted by the COD. The COD requested that someone from Development come to discuss the City's disabled housing needs/requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Downtown Public Parking and ADA Accessibility – Update from Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee had no report at this time.

2. Disabled Parking in Privately owned parking garages and lots – Working Discussion

The Sub-Committee had no report or comments at this time.

3. Magnolia Grade Separation – Handicapped Access during construction - Update

General Services Director Kris Martinez noted that there would be an accessible route during construction – access would be on the opposite side of the street from the construction.

Commissioner Werly noted that RTA transportation would be routed away from the construction route from Magnolia to Brockton Avenue.

INFORMATIONAL ARTICLES

1. Academic Excellence Nearly Sidelined by State

2. Think Beyond the Label – Workers & Employees with Disabilities in the Workplace

3. LA Times.com – Blind Architects have a real feel for the site lines
4. LA Times.com – Caltrans Settles Lawsuit over Disabled Access

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Mayor's Night Out, February 24, 2010, Wards 3 and 7, 6:30 pm Janet Goeske Center
2. Riverside's Model Deaf Community Committee (MDCC), February 17, 2010 at 4:00 pm in the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Small Conference Room.
3. 4th Annual Very Special Arts Faire, March 25, 2010, from 9 am to 1 pm at Ramona High School
4. Parking, Traffic and Streets Commission Downtown - first Wednesday (February 3, 2010) of each month at 5:30 PM in the Public Utilities Board Room.
5. Downtown Parking Committee - third Wednesday (February 17, 2010) of each month at 3 PM in the City Hall Fifth Floor Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT:6:35 pm