



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

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

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, Paul Van Doren, James Stream, Gigi Welch, Lesley Robinson, Donald Hawecker, Virginia Werly, Jack Brewer, Ty Lawyer and Sharon Nakama

Also present were General Services Director Kris Martinez, Deputy City Attorney Neil Okazaki, Housing and Neighborhoods Manager Eva Yakutis, Principal Planner Diane Jenkins, Senior Planner Doug Darnell 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. ADA Coordinator Monique Gordon noted that she had been notified about free training from: Community Access Center concerning Emergency Preparedness for people with disabilities, Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative concerning Fair Housing Rights & Responsibilities, Center on Deafness-Inland Empire on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Sensitivity Training and Best Buddies International concerning Spread the Word to End the Word, a campaign to encourage people to eliminate their use of the R-word.
 - b. Chairperson Keller noted that Lanterman Developmental Center was developing a planned closure and would like to discuss this topic.
 - c. Commissioner Hawecker noted that Loma Linda Universities PossAbilities Triathlon will be Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 7 am at the Drayson Center, 25040 Stewart Street, Loma Linda. Registration closes April 17, 2010 at noon.
 - d. Donna Kirchoff – Inland Regional Center
 - e. Sharon Nakama was welcomed as the newest member of the COD.

3. Minutes for the meeting of February 8, 2010

Werly/Robinson and unanimous to approved the minutes of February 8, 2010 as presented

AYES – 10 (Keller, Van Doren, Stream, Welch, Robinson, Hawecker, Werly, Brewer, Lawyer Nakama);
NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 0; ABSENT - 0

OLD BUSINESS

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

The Sub-Committee had no report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Affordable Housing Programs - Eva Yakutis, Housing and Neighborhoods Manager

Housing and Neighborhoods Manager Eva Yakutis summarized various Housing and Neighborhood programs in the development department. A presentation summary is attached.

Principal Planner Diane Jenkins and Senior Planner Doug Darnell discussed existing and new programs concerning the Housing Element. Mr. Darnell noted that workshops had been held for Housing Element development and included previous COD input and public workshops. Additional information was available on the website.

In response to a question from Commissioner Robinson concerning universal design for housing in the City, Mr. Darnell noted that although it was not required, the City wanted to include universal design standards in the City's housing code.

2. Election of Officers

Donald Hawecker was nominated to be the next Chairperson of the COD.

M/S Werly/Welch and unanimous to elect Donald Hawecker as the 2010-11 Chairperson of the COD.

AYES – 10 (Keller, Van Doren, Stream, Welch, Robinson, Hawecker, Werly, Brewer, Lawyer Nakama);
NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 0; ABSENT - 0

Ty Lawyer volunteered to be Vice-Chair of the COD for 2010-11.

M/S Robinson/Hawecker and unanimous to elect Ty Lawyer as the 2010-11 Vice-Chair of the COD.

AYES – 10 (Keller, Van Doren, Stream, Welch, Robinson, Hawecker, Werly, Brewer, Lawyer Nakama);
NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 0; ABSENT - 0

3. Developmental Disabilities Survey – View from Schools and Communities -Jim Stream

Commissioner Stream discussed a current initiative called the Value of One.

Commissioner Stream introduced a survey called 'What Do You Know about People with Developmental Disabilities?' that would be presented to schools and other organizations. This survey goes with a new initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to celebrate the inherent value of every individual with a developmental disability. The further purpose of the initiative is to use The Value of One to bring people together around the common goal of improving depictions, language, attitudes and ultimately the behavior and actions of the general public and lawmakers toward people with developmental disabilities. When this happens The Value of One will have the power of many.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Downtown Parking Committee - third Wednesday of each month (March 17, 2010) at 3 PM in the City Hall Fifth Floor Conference Room.
2. Riverside's Model Deaf Community Committee (MDCC), third Wednesday of the month (March 17, 2010) at 4:00 pm in the 7th Floor Small Conference Room.
3. 4th Annual Very Special Arts Faire, March 25, 2010, at Ramona High School
4. Mayor's Night Out, March 31, 2010, Ward 2, 6:30 pm University Hyatt Elementary, 4466 Mt. Vernon
5. Parking, Traffic and Streets Commission Downtown - first Wednesday of each month (April 7, 2010) at 5:30 PM in the Public Utilities Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 pm

Attachment 1 – Housing and Neighborhood programs summary.