



**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
MINUTES
Monday, June 14, 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.”

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Roll Call: Chairperson Donald Hawecker, Debbie Keller, James Stream, Gigi Welch, Lesley Robinson, Jack Brewer, Ty Lawyer, Sharon Nakama and Keith Nelson

ABSENT: (excused) Van Doren and Werly

Also in attendance: General Services Director Kris Martinez, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Ralph Nunez, 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. PRCS Director Ralph Nunez invited the COD to attend the Fairmount Park Universally Accessible Playground grand opening. Director Nunez thanked the COD for their contribution to this project. He also invited the COD to the City’s upcoming Concert series, Fishing Derby and breakfast at Fairmount Park.
 - b. Commissioner Nelson announced that his Special Olympics basketball team had received its 9th gold medal. He also noted that the City’s Special Olympics swim team had received gold medals in cooperation with Poly High School and Shamel Park.
 - c. Linda Lawyer
 - d. Linda Valdez
 - e. Donna Kirchoff – Inland Regional Center.
 - f. Aurora Chavel
 - g. Phyllis Percell – Commented on the lack of disabled parking near the museum and that disabled housing is not readily available or is too expensive.
 - h. Ruby Villanueva – State Council of Developmental Disability, Area 12 Board

3. Minutes for the meeting of May 10, 2010

M/S Keller/Brewer to approve the minutes from May 10, 2010.

AYES – 8 (Hawecker, Keller, Stream, Robinson, Brewer, Lawyer, Nakama and Nelson); NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 1 (Welch); ABSENT – 2 (Van Doren, Werly)

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Department of Justice - 2010 Jacobus tenBroek Disability Symposium (Jim Stream)

This item was noted by the COD.

2. COD Information/Outreach Tools

The COD discussed development of low and no cost outreach tools.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

1. Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by COD members

The COD discussed the 2010 Neighborhood Conference and noted that conference attendance was much lower than last year.

2. Items for future COD consideration

- a. Affordable housing guide for the disabled (Donald Hawecker)
- b. Ability Counts (Keith Nelson)
- c. Employment opportunities for the disabled (Jim Stream)
- d. Presidential grants for the Disabled – Stimulus funds (\$22 million) from the Dept of Rehabilitation (Tarp) (Debbie Keller and Keith Nelson)
- e. National Walmart Initiative for Transition out of High School

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Downtown Parking Committee - third Wednesday of each month (June 16, 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 (June 16, 2010) at 4:00 pm in the 7th Floor Small Conference Room.
3. Fairmount Park Universally Accessible Playground Grand Opening Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 11:30 am.
4. Mayor's Night Out, June 23, 2010, Arlington Heights-Ward 4 and 5, 6:30 pm – location to be determined

5. Parking, Traffic and Streets Commission Downtown - first Wednesday of each month (July 7, 2010) at 5:30 PM in the Public Utilities Board Room.
6. Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative, third Tuesday of the month, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Inland Empire Health Plan.
 - June 15 speaker is Richard Devylder, Special Advisor to the Secretary Office for Access and Functional Needs, California Emergency Management Agency. more info:
www.iedisabilitiescollaborative.org

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 pm