



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MINUTES

Monday, July 12, 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, Paul Van Doren, James Stream, Gigi Welch, Virginia Werly, Jack Brewer, Ty Lawyer, Sharon Nakama, Keith Nelson

Absent: Debbie Keller (excused). Lesley Robinson arrived at 6:05 pm.

Also in attendance: 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. Marnie Fisher – Director of Program for Shane's Inspiration
 - b. Brad Thornton – Director of Project Development for Shane's Inspiration
 - c. Linda Lawyer
 - d. Donna Kirchoff – Inland Regional Center
 - e. Aurora Chavez

3. Minutes for the meeting of June 14, 2010

M/S Brewer/Robinson to approve the minutes from June 14, 2010 as presented.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Shane's Inspiration - Education Program Opportunity (Jim Stream)

Shane's Inspiration Director of Programs Marnie Fisher presented a no cost educational program to the COD. This program would involve going into classrooms within the school district and presenting an educational video titled "Together We Are Able". This video is about a commitment to eliminating bias through the creation of Universally Accessible Playgrounds for children of all abilities.

2. Presentation: Master of Arts in Disability Studies (Ted Meyer, Cal Baptist University Director of Enrollment)

This item will be continued to the September 13, 2010 meeting.

3. Discussion: Board and Commission Code of Ethics

Chairperson Hawecker will attend the Code of Ethics Annual Review on September 1, 2010. This item was noted by the COD.

4. Report: Model Deaf Community Meeting (Sharon Nakama)

This item will be continued to the September 13, 2010 meeting.

5. 20th Anniversary of the ADA (Paul Van Doren)

This item was noted by the by the COD.

6. The Inland Empire Disability Resources Expo – COD Participation – (Donald Hawecker)

M/S Van Doren/Welch and unanimous to attend this event. The COD would like to assist with parking for the disabled.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Commissioner Van Doren announced the 6th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Exhibition Fundraiser will take place on August 14, 2010 at Poly High School, 5450 Victoria Avenue.
- Commissioner Stream commented on a July 12, 2010 article in PE.COM concerning a Norco woman's protest of group homes that "spawned" a free-speech policy

(http://www.pe.com/localnews/corona/stories/PE_News_Local_D_whome12.22cdc06.html)

2. Items for future COD consideration

Code Enforcement question: is it legal to leave advertisements on vehicles displaying the disabled placard?

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative, third Tuesday of the month (July 20, 2010) 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Inland Empire Health Plan. Guest speaker: Susan Senior, District Administrator, California State Department of Rehabilitation. For more info: www.iedisabilitiescollaborative.org
2. Downtown Parking Committee - third Wednesday of each month (July 21, 2010) at 3 PM in the City Hall Fifth Floor Conference Room.

COD will make recommendations concerning Parking.

3. Parking, Traffic and Streets Commission Downtown - first Wednesday of each month (August 4, 2010) at 5:30 PM in the Public Utilities Board Room.

Commissioner Van Doren will attend this meeting.

4. Riverside's Model Deaf Community Committee (MDCC), third Wednesday of the month (August 18, 2010) at 4:00 pm in the 7th Floor Small Conference Room.

Commissioner Nakama will attend this meeting.

5. Mayor's Night Out, September 22, 2010, La Sierra Hills-Ward 7, 6:30 pm – Twinhill Elementary, 11000 Campbell Avenue.

Commissioner Robinson will attend this meeting.

6. The Inland Empire Disability Resources Expo, October 23, 2010, 9 am – 2 pm Riverside Convention Center

ADJOURNMENT: 7:02 pm