



**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
MINUTES
Monday, September 13, 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, Lesley Robinson, Virginia Werly, Sharon Nakama

Absent: Jack Brewer (excused), Ty Lawyer (excused), Gigi Welch (unexcused), Keith Nelson (unexcused). Debbie Keller arrived at 6:04

Also in attendance: General Services Director Kris Martinez, Deputy City Attorney Neil Okazaki,

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. Mark Gomez – IEHP
- b. Donna Kirchoff – Inland Regional Center

3. Minutes for the meeting of July 12, 2010

M/S Werly/Robinson and unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

AYES – 7 (Hawecker, Van Doren, Stream, Robinson, Werly, Nakama, Keller); NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 0;
ABSENT – 4 (Lawyer, Welch, Nelson, Brewer)

OLD BUSINESS

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

Presenter was not in attendance.

2. Update: Shane's Inspiration - Education Program Opportunity (Jim Stream)

Commissioner Stream outlined a meeting in which he, Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Director Ralph Nunez, Shane's Inspiration's Program Director Marnie Norris and ADA Coordinator Monique Gordon met and discussed a proposed educational curriculum. The proposed program would be for the school district and would introduce curriculum to promote awareness and compassion concerning disabilities through play. If acceptable to the COD, an effort would be made to engage the school district in such a way that able bodied children would have an opportunity to better understand and play with children that are disabled at the Fairmount Park Universally Accessible Playground. If acceptable to the COD and the Parks Commission, a joint meeting would be held between the two Commissions to discuss how to proceed. The COD directed staff to proceed with setting up the Joint meeting between the COD and Parks Commission.

3. Review and Comment - Service Animal Brochure

ADA Coordinator Gordon presented a two sided, tri-folded brochure concerning service animals. Commissioner Werly noted that the law concerning service animals had recently been updated. These changes should be considered before the brochure is published.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 311 Call Center – ADA Related Service Requests

This information was noted by the COD and updated information will be provided regularly.

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

Commissioner Nakama reported that Deaf Awareness week will be September 17-25, 2010. Deaf Awareness Week is a joint project of the Mayor's Model Deaf Community Committee, the Center on Deafness - Inland Empire, and the California School for the Deaf, Riverside. The week will consist of events to bring the deaf and hearing communities together.

3. Special Transportation and COD - Joint Booth at Disability Resources Expo October 23, 2010

Mark Gomez, IEHP advised the COD that a joint booth between the COD and Special Transportation was not possible. The Collaborative is looking for ways to advertise and is hoping that the COD can help.

The COD noted concern about the lack of disabled parking surrounding the Convention Center where for this event will be held. Mr. Gomez noted that special attention is being given to this topic. The COD discussed various ways to ensure that adequate disabled transportation is available for this event.

4. Riverside County Office on Aging – Federal Weatherization Program

This item will be heard at the October 18, 2010 meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

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

Commissioner Robinson noted that the City of Compton's Disabilities Commission will have their annual Disabilities Awareness Month on October 14, 2010. Last year she and the ADA Coordinator attended and plan to attend next month. She noted that this group appreciated Riverside's attendance and learned a lot from the collaboration.

2. Items for future COD consideration

- Commissioner Werly asked if the Municipal Code contained language that restricted advertisements from being left on automobiles of residents who are disabled. The advertised business should be held accountable. Deputy City Attorney Okazaki will investigate and provide a response.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Downtown Parking Committee - third Wednesday of each month (September 15, 2010) at 3 PM in the City Hall Fifth Floor Conference Room.

No report at this time.

2. Riverside's Model Deaf Community Committee (MDCC), third Wednesday of the month (September 15, 2010) at 4:00 pm in the 7th Floor Small Conference Room.

- Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative, third Tuesday of the month (September 21, 2010) 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Inland Empire Health Plan. This month: David Sayen, Regional Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services www.iedisabilitiescollaborative.org

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

Commissioner Robinson will attend.

4. Parking, Traffic and Streets Commission Downtown - first Wednesday of each month (October 6, 2010) at 5:30 PM in the Public Utilities Board Room.

5. Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative (IEDC) – Saturday, October 23, 2010, 9 am – 2 pm, Riverside Convention Center.

A schedule will be developed for COD attendance.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:55 pm