



**MINUTES**  
**Commission on Disabilities**  
**June 12, 2006 @ 5:30pm**  
**3900 Main St. 6<sup>th</sup> floor**

Present: Paul Van Doren (Chair), Ed Rush, Dickey DeLoss, Gigi Welch, Debra Keller, Terry Gregersen, Suzanne Puffer, Linda Garcia, Leslie Robinson,

Absent: Gene Brosious (excused), Jim Stream (excused)

Staff: Jenna McAlmond and Neil Okazaki

Guest: John Lonberg

**I Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Van Doren at 6:00pm.

**II Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: To approve minutes of May 8<sup>th</sup> as modified.

M/S/C: DeLoss/Keller/Carried

MOD: Misspelling page 2, standing rules, "potion".

The entire committee was suppose to work on the Mission Statement, not just Commissioner Stream.

Old Business, Misspelled "Braille" on various places.

Add commissioners present/absent/staff.

MOTION: To approve minutes of May 22<sup>nd</sup> as modified.

M/S/C: Robinson/Puffer/Carried, 1 abstention

MOD: Add present/absent/staff

**III Detailed Commissioner Introductions and Public Comment**

The Commissioners provided in-depth introductions.

\*Ed Rush explained that he is unable to drive at night, which will affect his attendance at this meeting once the time changes.

Public Comment: John Lonberg said thank you to Jen Gray O'Connor for sending the minutes via email. On the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mr. Lonberg noticed at least 13 items of concern for the Prado Park visit. Mr. Lonberg encouraged the commission to know the ADA and not be afraid to bring it up whenever necessary. Mr. Lonberg encouraged the Commission to bring to the forefront the issue of a fully accessible playground vs. a universally accessible playground, the commission needs to fight for the accessible playground. The Commission explained that the representatives explained that the universal playground goes

above and beyond the ADA requirements. How do community members get from one playground to the other? How does one get to all areas of the city? Mr. Lonberg asked that the Commission look the City's transition plan.

#### **IV Old Business**

##### **A. Universally Accessible Playground Subcommittee**

Commissioners Keller and Robinson volunteered to serve, with Commissioner Puffer serving as researcher.

**MOTION:** To select Commissioners Keller, Robinson, and Puffer to serve on the subcommittee.

**M/S/C:** Rush/DeLoss/

Chair Van Doren noted that the whole park needs to be addressed, not just the playground.

Commissioner Garcia noted that the subcommittee needs to look at other companies to see what the difference in playground titles are. Check to see if the term universal is a tag line just for Shane's Inspiration.

Chair Van Doren modified the motion to call the subcommittee the Accessible Parks Subcommittee.

Mr. Lonberg asked that the subcommittee remember that there might not be a regulation for a particular item. You need to remember that there was not a specific regulation for each feature, you must use common sense in some areas.

City Attorney clarified that the item on the agenda was specific for two commissioners to serve as members of the joint subcommittee.

**MOTION:** Commissioners Keller and Robinson will serve as joint subcommittee members.

**M/S/C:** Garcia/DeLoss/Carried

##### **B. Mission Statement**

Commissioner Welch brought a few suggestions:

"To promote greater public awareness and total participation of people with disabilities into all aspects of life."

**Public Comment:** Mr. Lonberg encouraged the commission to look at using the word inclusion.

Commissioner Robinson liked adding the word "respect" to the mission statement.

**Revised to:** "Promote greater awareness of, respect for, and the total participation of individuals with disabilities into all aspects of life."

**MOTION:** To accept the mission as modified.

**M/S/C:** Rush/DeLoss/Carried

##### **C. Outreach and Education Plan**

Chairperson Van Doren explained that this Commission will have a display table at the neighborhood conference on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Gregersen volunteered to have educational materials. The Commission asked that Jen Gray-O'Connor have flyers available for the conference.

Jen Gray-O'Connor send an email to ask when Commissioners are available. Commissioners Welch, DeLoss, Gergersen are not available. Commissioner Garcia, Robinson, and Van Doren are available. Jenna indicated that staff can create a simple brochure to start for the conference and the Commissioner can expand for future development.

Commissioner Welch asked for clarification on the Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative. Chairperson Van Doren explained that this is an collaboration of Riverside and San Bernardino service providers who are working to have a job fair in the fall. The next meeting is June 22<sup>nd</sup> at IEHP. The Commission asked that Chairperson Van Doren send more information regarding this collaboration effort.

**V New Business**

**A. Available Bus Service to City Park**

Chairperson Van Doren asked that this item be tabled for future discussion. Chairperson Van Doren indicated the discussion would include a survey of the parks and see if there are fixed routes to the parks that are accessible. Chairperson Van Doren asked that this be placed on the next agenda, and he will complete research prior to the discussion. Another thought from Chairperson Van Doren is that there might be a designated pickup/drop off location for each park.

\*need someone from park and rec special transit at the next meeting.

**VI Items for Future Commission Consideration**

Commissioner Robinson asked that news articles be placed on each agenda.

**VII Adjournment**