



Minutes
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
City Hall, 5th Floor Large Conference Room
3900 Main St., 5th Floor
Riverside, CA 92522
August 14, 2006 at 6:00pm
(951) 826-5427

Present: Linda Garcia, Debra Keller, Suzanne Puffer, Paul Van Doren, Lesley Robinson, Gigi Welch, Gene Brocsious, Jim Stream

Excused: Terry Gregerson, Dicky DeLoss (excused), Ed Rush

Staff: Susan Cox, Kris Martinez, Neil Okazaki

I. Call to Order at 6:05pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes-July 10, 2006

Motion: to approve the minutes of July 10, 2006

M/S/C: Keller/Robinson/Carried

III. Introductions and Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Old Business

A. Universally Accessible Playground

The subcommittee has not met. The Committee is awaiting a report on Fairmount Park, due in September, and will meet to review the recommendations with the subcommittee from the Parks and Recreation Commission when the recommendations are received.

The Commission requested information about who was selected to the Fairmount Park Task Force, when it was established. The Commission expressed a desire to have a representative on the Task Force.

Staff was directed to follow up with the Task Force on the questions raised by the Commission.

B. Commission Meeting Time

Commissioner Keller asked the Commission if the current meeting time and date is acceptable to everyone. The Commission discussed this item and concluded that the current meeting time of the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm is acceptable.

The Commission discussed whether or not Commission funds can be used for individual members' travel to and from meetings. Commissioner Garcia requested to put a motion on the next Commission agenda to discuss this item.

C. ADA Transition Plan

Neil Okazaki made a presentation to the Commission discussing the background of the self-evaluation process and discussed the initial plan. Neil discussed that ADA Transition Plans are by their nature always "works in progress" and that the City is in the process of updating the current plan.

Commissioner Stream recommended that the ADA Coordinator take a strategic look city-wide. The Commission would like to provide feedback for the City's consideration as staff finalizes the Transition Plan for formal approval by the City Council. Commissioner Robinson encouraged a good working relationship among City departments delivering improvements."

Neil Okazaki stated that as we get into the plan the commission will see multiple fronts and efforts throughout the City.

Kris Martinez stated that if there are any immediate issues the City needs to address to call Susan Cox with the items and that Ms. Cox is the primary contact for all complaints.

V. New Business

A. Newspaper Articles

None.

B. Ad-Hoc Committee on Parks

The Commission deferred this item to a future meeting.

VI. Items for future Commission Consideration

The Commission asked if there is a mechanism for making sure that the Commissions are aware of each other and how the Commissions interact with each other. The Commission asked if staff could e-mail other commissions to develop a mechanism for the various Commissions to interact better.

The Commission requested that City staff prepare a presentation on emergency and

disaster response capabilities of the City

Commissioner Robinson requested to make a presentation on a disabled camp on a future agenda.

Staff initiated a discussion on whether the Commission would like to develop a workplan for the year. Commissioner Van Doren stated that a workplan would have to be developed over two to three meetings. Commissioner Stream stated the workplan should set goals, objectives and outcomes and suggested staff develop an introduction to a proposed process for developing a workplan.

VII. Adjournment at 7:20pm.