



**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
MINUTES  
Monday, November 9, 2009  
6:00 PM**

*FIFTH FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL,  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, 92522  
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 951-826-5427*

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**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 Debbie Keller, Linda Garcia, Donald Hawecker, Virginia Werly, Jack Brewer and Ty Lawyer

Commissioner Stream arrived immediately after roll call.

ABSENT: Van Doren (unexcused), Brosious (resigned), Robinson (excused), Welch (excused).

Also in attendance was General Services Director Kris Martinez 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. General Services Director Kris Martinez outlined her tour of the Fox Theatre and noted that great care had been taken to provide accessibility.
  - b. Linda Lawyer, Chamber of Commerce - introduced a City Council approved survey called “A Vision for Riverside” This survey provides an opportunity for the public to provide input into the Economic Development Strategic Vision for the City. The survey is located at <http://survey.riversideca.gov>.
  - c. Linda Garcia - noted that the COD Annual Report to City Council had been updated, but additional information was required.
  - d. Linda Kirchoff – Inland Regional Center
  - e. Donald Hawecker - reviewed the current parking available in downtown and has questions concerning the actual availability for public parking. Commissioner Werly offered to provide the ADA guidelines for handicapped parking. Additional parking information was requested for the January agenda.

3. Minutes for the meeting of October 19, 2009

M/S Stream/Hawecker to approve the minutes as presented:

AYES – 6; NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 1 (Werly); ABSENT - 3 (Van Doren, Welch, Robinson)

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2009 Workplan Review

The COD wants to discuss handicapped accessibility during the Columbia Grade realignment construction and that bus routes are being detoured during this project. Commissioner Garcia suggested that the topic of “ensuring ADA issues during construction be added to the construction contracts, plan checks and topics of discussion at public meetings” be added to the workplan.

Commissioner Hawecker suggested that the COD highlight some of the successful projects done by the City which increased accessibility. He noted that Joel Belding had offered to provide information as requested. Specific housing issues will also be agenzized for future meetings.

2. Community Outreach Participation

Chairperson Keller discussed setting up meetings with City council members and COD members from the respective ward would attend. Providing the Council with COD information would help facilitate communication between the COD, City Council and the community.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Housing Modification and Affordable Housing Resources (Paul Van Doren)

This item will be carried to the January 11, 2010 meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Mayor’s Night Out, November 18, 2009, Wards 4 and 5, 6:30 pm Hawthorne Elementary School.

Noted by the COD

2. Riverside’s Model Deaf Community Committee (MDCC), November 18, 2009 at 4:00 pm in the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Small Conference Room.

Noted by the COD

ADJOURNMENT: 7:02