

DRAFT MINUTES

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 13, 2009, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
200 East Santa Clara Street, Room T-550
San Jose, California

Commissioners Present: Otila Salazar-Torres, Emma Eljas, Erik Kaeding, Daniel Newell, Susie Souza, James Westman, Chris Wright

Commissioners Emeritus Present: Aaron Morrow and Karl Vidt

Commissioners Absent: Mary Brown, Paiman Komeilizadeh, Jackie O'Donnell

Commissioners Emeritus Absent : Susan Espinoza

Staff Present: Nina Grayson (Office of Equality Assurance), Stephanie Holm (Office of Councilmember Pyle), Lisa Blevins (PRNS/OTS), Jeff Ruster (OED), Chris Donnelly (OED)

1. Call to Order/Orders of the Day & Agenda Approval

Upon motion of Commissioner Westman, seconded by Commissioner Wright, the Orders of the Day and Agenda were approved unanimously.

2. Approval of March 9, 2009 Minutes

Upon motion of Commissioner Kaeding, seconded by Commissioner Westman, March 9, 2009 Minutes were approved unanimously with changes to Commissioners Present and Absent – Commission Westman was present – Commissioners Souza and Komeilizadeh were absent.

3. Open Forum

There were no items reported.

4. Council Liaison Report

Stephanie Holm reported that the City Council was holding a Committee of the Whole Session this afternoon on home foreclosures, the FY 2009-2010 Budget will be very challenging given the escalation in the deficit due to sales tax revenues and property tax valuations. Ms. Holm also mentioned that Councilmember Pyle would be preparing an on-line budget survey that will be posted on April 16, 2009 and will include DAC members in the e-mail blast. Ms. Holm also provided Commissioners with a copy of the Council District 10 Disaster & Emergency Preparedness Conference flyer that is being held on Saturday, April 25 from 10 am to 4 pm at Pioneer High School.

5. Chairperson Report

Otilia Salazar-Torres welcomed Nina Grayson (Office of Equality Assurance) to the Commission. Otilia Salazar-Torres also reported that Councilmember Pete Constant was hosting a Senior Walk and Breakfast on April 17, 2009 from 8:45 am to 10:45 am at Westfield Shopping Center on Stevens Creek Boulevard. Ms. Salazar-Torres also reminded Commissioners of the City's Board and Commission Recognition event scheduled for April 14 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the City Hall Rotunda. Ms. Salazar-Torres welcomed Heaven, Karl Vidt's new guide dog. Ms. Salazar-Torres asked Commissioner Newell to comment on the November 12, 2009 Conference to hire people with disabilities to be held in Palo Alto.

6. Santa Clara County Advisory Commission for Persons With Disabilities Liaison Report

Aaron Morrow reported on the 2009 Legislative Priorities for people with disabilities and specifically in home services.

7. Senior Commission Liaison Report

No report

8. Report on Grace Community Center Services

Dr. Lisa Blevins, Director of Grace Community Center provided an informative and detailed overview of the services provided to people with disabilities at CSJ Grace Community Center.

9. Report on Work2future Programs and Accessibility Actions

Jeff Ruster, Director of work2future provided an informative and detailed overview of the work2future program and the changes they have made to the program since July 2009. Aaron Morrow inquired whether the training manual was public. Mr. Ruster responded that prior to the end of the calendar year he and Mr. Donnelly would return to the Commission.

10. Report on Standing Commission Items

- a. **Emergency/Disaster Planning for Persons with Disabilities** – no report
- b. **“Strategic Plan, Services for Persons with Disabilities” Advisory Board** – no report
- c. **VTA and Paratransit Service Issues** – Aaron Morrow reported that VTA is expected to reduce its budget and the paratransit budget will be reduced.
- d. **DAC Workplan** – no report
- e. **Inclusionary Housing** – no report

11. ADA Coordinator Report – no report

12. Announcements - There were no announcements

13. Agenda Development

- Invite ESD to May DAC meeting to discuss proposed \$.25 fee for paper/plastic bags
- Invite DOT to May DAC meeting with an update on high street crowning
- Employment services for people with disabilities
- ADA Coordinator position

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.