

AMENDED MINUTES

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, December 8, 2008, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
200 East Santa Clara Street, Room T-550
San Jose, California

Commissioners Present: Vice-Chair Emma Eljas, Commissioners Mary Brown, Erik Kaeding, Jackie O'Donnell, Susie Souza and James Westman, Commissioner Emeritus Karl Vidt

Commissioners Absent: Chair Otila Salazar-Torres, Commissioner, Commissioners Emeritus Susan Espinoza and Aaron Morrow

Staff Present: S. Wing (ADA Coordinator), S. Holm (Office of Councilmember Pyle)

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner Kaeding, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, the Orders of the Day and Agenda were approved unanimously.

2. Approval of November 10, 2008 Minutes

The draft Minutes were corrected to show that Commissioner Emeritus Susan Espinoza was absent from the November 10, 2008 meeting. Upon the motion of Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Westman, the November 10, 2008 Minutes, as amended, were approved unanimously.

3. Open Forum

Commissioner Kaeding reported on the discussion of the Inclusionary Housing proposal at the 11/24/08 meeting of the Community and Economic Development Committee of the City Council. He expressed support for the staff proposal and did not favor the Mayor's proposal. He encouraged individual DAC members to contact their councilmembers to support this proposal.

Commissioner Emeritus Vidt expressed appreciation to Councilmember Pyle for providing use of the Rotunda for the World AIDS Day ceremony held on December 1, 2009.

4. Council Liaison Report

Ms. Holm discussed the District 10 disaster preparedness event they have scheduled for April 25, 2009, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pioneer High School. There will be many activities, information, groups and vendors available to assist people to become more prepared for a disaster. Ms. Holm asked the DAC for any program ideas they might have that would be especially relevant to people with disabilities.

Ms. Holm also reported that Councilmember Pyle had recommended three new members to the DAC that should be approved by the City Council at their meeting on December 9, 2008.

5. Chairperson Report

No report.

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

No report

7. Senior Commission Liaison Report

No report

8. Report on Standing Commission Items

a. Emergency/Disaster Planning for Persons with Disabilities – Mr. Wing reported that the “San Jose Disaster Shelter Annex for Vulnerable Populations” will be announced at a meeting on December 18, 2008.

b. “Strategic Plan, Services for Persons with Disabilities” Advisory Board – Mr. Wing reported that there was a meeting of this Board on 12/4/08. There was a discussion of Disability Awareness Day and how it can be improved. It was agreed that we would hold the event again around the same time frame. Possible budget impacts were also discussed.

c. VTA and Paratransit Service Issues – Commissioner Eljas reported the VTA has installed new ticket machines with improved accessibility; and they continue to examine issues like the Strategic Plan 2030 and improving fixed route accessibility

9. ADA Coordinator Report – Mr. Wing informed the DAC about a recent process to provide a real time captioner as a reasonable accommodation. A suggestion was made to check into using advanced sign language interpreter students.

10. Announcements - There were no announcements

11. Agenda Development

- Update on excessive street crown issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.