

**MINUTES**

**DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**

Monday, June 8, 2009, 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 Daniel Newell, Jackie O'Donnell, James Westman, Susie Sousa, Paiman Komeilizadeh, Chris Wright and Commissioner Emeritus Karl Vidt

**Commissioners Absent:** Chair Otila Salazar-Torres, Commissioners Erik Kaeding, Mary Brown and Commissioners Emeritus Susan Espinoza and Aaron Morrow

**Staff Present:** Nina Grayson, Stephanie Holm (Office of Councilmember Pyle)

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

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

**2. Approval of May 11, 2009 Minutes**

Upon motion of Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Wright, the May 11, 2009 Minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. Open Forum**

There were no items reported.

**4. Council Liaison Report**

Stephanie Holm provided a City budget update and reported that the VTA Board approved budget last week that included fees increasing for paratransit. Additional information will be provided to the Commission under separate cover regarding paratransit services.

**5. Chairperson Report**

Vice Chair Eljas reported that this was her last meeting as a Commissioner but would still be attending the monthly meetings.

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

No report.

**7. Presentation – Update on Community Sports Fields Study (PRNS)**

Suzanne Wolfe and Steve Ryan from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services provided an update on the Community Sports Fields Study. The purpose of the study is to inventory existing fields and users and provide

opportunities to enhance current level of play. The methodology of the study is: community engagement and leadership; meetings across the city; telephone survey; and best practice research. Lessons learned: diversity of need and limited capacity (94 fields for 1 million people and no fields for easy access); outdated processes and systems; field design and level of maintenance must support level of use; strong community interest in shared development/maintenance opportunities; conversation generates innovation and buy-in necessary for excellence. Implementation Plan includes 3 phases over a 20 year period.

## 8. Election of Officers

### Chair

Upon motion of Commissioner Westman, seconded by Commissioner Wright, Otila Salazar-Torres was unanimously re-elected Chair for FY 2009-2010.

### Vice Chair

Upon motion of Vice Chair Eljas, seconded by Commissioner Westman, Commission Jackie O'Donnell was unanimously elected Vice Chair for FY 2009-2010.

## 9. 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** – Stephanie Holm of Councilmember Pyle's Office will provide briefing sheet on changes in paratransit services under separate cover.
- d. **DAC Workplan** – Senior Commission will select a new liaison in August. Roundtable is scheduled for August 10, 2009. Commissioner Komeilizadeh expressed concern regarding State budget cuts affecting the most vulnerable populations – people with disabilities.

## 10. ADA Coordinator Report –

Nina Grayson reported that nothing new had occurred. The Administration is leaving it vacant until the budget process plays out.

## 11. Announcements - There were no announcements

## 12. Agenda Development

- Presentation by NAMI – mental health issues
- UNI Conference in November
- DAC Roundtable

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.