

DRAFT MINUTES

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 11, 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, Paiman Komeilizadeh, Daniel Newell, Jackie O'Donnell

Commissioners Emeritus Present: Karl Vidt

Commissioners Absent: Mary Brown, Susie Souza, Christine Wright, James Westman

Commissioners Emeritus Absent : Susan Espinoza, Aaron Morrow

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

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

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

2. **Approval of April 13, 2009 Minutes**

Upon motion of Commissioner Newell, seconded by Commissioner Kaeding, April 13, 2009 Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. **Open Forum**

There were no items reported.

4. **Council Liaison Report**

Stephanie Holm provided a budget update.

5. **Chairperson Report**

Otilia Salazar-Torres reminded Commissioners about the Grace Community Center Art & Wellness Studio Grand Opening on Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at 146 South 10th Street.

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

No report.

7. **Senior Commission Liaison Report**

No report. Staff was asked to make contact with the Senior Commission staff to determine if a Senior Commissioner is planning to attend the DAC meetings on a regular basis.

8. Presentation by Department of Transportation on Street Crowning

Edgardo Ochoa, Department of Transportation (DOT), reported on the survey method used to identify streets in the downtown with crowns in excess of 5%, how the data was broken into categories to classify each intersection and the outcome of the survey. The survey results showed that 178 out of 383 (46.4%) of the intersections surveyed had a crown slope of 5% or less and 749 of 1,149 legs surveyed (65.2%) had a crown slope of 5% or less. To address the crown issue, DOT is taking the following actions: documenting the process and creating awareness of existing conditions; prioritizing streets and setting up an action plan to bring them to standard grade. The challenges associated with crowns are budgetary – average unit cost of milling range from \$.27 to \$.46 per square feet.

9. Presentation by Department of Environmental Services on Proposed \$.25 Fee for Paper/Plastic Bags

Emy Mendoza, Department of Environmental Services, provided a detailed overview of how many trees, how many barrels of oil it takes to produce plastic bags, the useful life of a disposable bag, and what happens to these bags once they are discarded. The solution is a ban on the use of the bags or instituting a fee to decrease litter, conservation of natural resources and encourage shopping with the use of reusable bags. Staff is scheduled to make a presentation to the City Council on June 2 regarding the status of County-wide efforts to reduce single-use carryout bags and seek direction from Council.

10. Discussion and Action Regarding Employment Services for People with Disabilities

Otila Salazar-Torres will attend the next planning committee for the November 12, 2009 Conference to be held in Palo Alto regarding hiring people with disabilities and report back to the Commission.

11. 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** –no report
- d. **DAC Workplan** – include youth and senior commission
- e. **Inclusionary Housing** – no report

12. ADA Coordinator Report – no report

13. Announcements - There were no announcements

14. Agenda Development

Update on Community Sports Fields Study – Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood
Services
Election of Officers

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.