

MINUTES

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, November 10, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
200 East Santa Clara Street, Room T-550
San Jose, California

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Mary Brown, Commissioners Emeritus Susan Espinosa 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 Vice-Chair Eljas, seconded by Commissioner Westman, the Orders of the Day and Agenda were approved unanimously.

2. Approval of October 20, 2008 Minutes

Upon the motion of Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Kaeding, the October 20, 2008 Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Open Forum

No speakers.

4. Council Liaison Report

Ms. Holm reported 1) that the City Council will consider a proposal on Inclusionary Housing on December 9, 2008 and she will make sure DAC members have access to this proposal when it is made public; 2) the World AIDS Day proclamation will be made at the November 18, 2008 Council meeting; 3) Councilmember Pyle participated in the celebration of the completion of the accessibility improvements to the VTA Light Rail stations.

5. Chairperson Report

Ms. Salazar-Torres provided information related to the State budget cuts that would have impacts on services for people with disabilities, such as independent living centers and Medi-Cal. She expressed general concern about how the financial crisis will negatively affect budgets at all governmental levels and encouraged the DAC to

closely monitor budget reductions that would most severely affect people with disabilities.

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

No report

7. Senior Commission Liaison Report

No Report

8. Report on the CADRE Emergency Preparedness Conference for People with Functional Disabilities.

Tim Quigley, Executive Director of the Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley, provided the DAC with general information about the Collaborating Agencies Disaster Relief Effort (CADRE) network which consists of many non-profit organizations in Santa Clara County. He also reported on the general success of the CADRE Emergency Preparedness conference that was held at City Hall in conjunction with the 1st Annual Disability Awareness Day.

9. Report and Discussion on new Open Government requirements and other meeting processes and procedures.

Mr. Wing provided the DAC with a "Matrix of Public Meeting Requirements" which were recommended by the Sunshine Reform Task Force and adopted by the City Council. Mr. Wing pointed out the specific items that apply to the DAC.

10. Report on Standing Commission Items

a. Emergency/Disaster Planning for Persons with Disabilities – Mr. Wing reported that a draft "San Jose Disaster Shelter Annex for Vulnerable Populations" is being reviewed by staff and consultants as a result of the collaborative effort involving City departments, CADRE, and the Volunteer Center. The Disaster Shelter Annex (plan) should be completed by the end of December 2008.

b. "Strategic Plan, Services for Persons with Disabilities" Advisory Board – Chair Salazar-Torres reported that the next meeting of the Advisory Board should be scheduled for early in December.

c. VTA and Paratransit Service Issues – Commissioner Eljas reported VTA is reviewing the 2035 Strategic Plan and also commented that the accessibility retrofits of the light rail stations were completed ahead of schedule.

11. ADA Coordinator Report – No additional report.

12. Announcements - There were no announcements

13. Agenda Development

- The DAC decided to have their regular meeting on December 8, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.