

**DRAFT
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Monday, October 19, 2009
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

San Jose City Hall – Room T550
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California 95113

Commissioners Present: Chair Salazar-Torres, Vice-Chair Jackie O'Donnell, Commissioners, Erik Kaeding, Paiman Komeilizadeh, James Westman, Christine Wright, Susie Souza, John Robinson, Commissioners Emeritus Karl Vidt

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Daniel Newell, Commissioners Emeritus Susan Espinoza, Aaron Morrow, Emma Eljas

Staff Present: Eileen Ewing, ADA Coordinator; Stephanie Holm/Councilmember Pyle's Office

- 1. Call to Order/Orders of the Day & Agenda Approval**
Upon motion of Commissioner Kaeding, seconded by Vice-Chair O'Donnell the Orders of the Day and Agenda were approved unanimously.
- 2. Approval of August 10 and September 14, 2009 Commission Minutes**
Upon motion of Commissioner Westman, seconded by Commissioner Newell, the August 10 and September 14, 2009 Minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3. Open Forum**
Commission Komeilizadeh reported that Able People Foundation was scheduled to do a live webcast for IHSS training before the budget cuts; however, as of November 1, the budget cuts are not going through. Able People Foundation is in touch with Disability Rights California to see if they want to go ahead and do the training on the webcast for Monday, October 26th. Also, on Wednesday, October 28th, from 11:00 to 12:00 noon, they are doing a live webcast with Ms O'Reilly from Job Connect from Sunnyvale. It will be a roundtable. She will be discussing resources and job placement for people with disabilities. People watching will be able to ask live questions.

Commission Westman reported that two weeks ago he, along with Commissioners Wright and Newell, as members of the Disability Advisory Commission, received a proclamation from the City Council for Disability Awareness Month.

Commissioner Komeilizadeh wanted to speak about off-line communications. He would like to see the City create a site where the citizens could make comments to the Disability Advisory Commission. Chair Salazar-Torres will put the item on the agenda development.

Please be advised that, by law, the Commission is unable to discuss or take action on issues presented during Open Forum. According to State Law (the Brown Act) items must first be noticed on the agenda before any discussion or action.

4. Council Liaison Report (Stephanie Holm)

Stephanie Holm reported that the City received additional funding for additional streets, repaving and curb ramps for 21 miles of arterial roadways. It is going to Council tomorrow on the Consent Agenda as item 2.11. Arterial roadways are usually streets around 35 to 40 mph speeds, not residential streets.

Councilmember Pyle was very please with Disability Awareness Day.

Bernard the piano player from Disability Awareness Day has been invited to play at the Council's invocation on November 10th.

Ms Holm secured the Council Rotunda for World Aids Day. The Aids Coalition usually does something on that day, but she has been unable to contact them so far to find out if they will be doing something this year.

Chair Salazar-Torres mentioned that Councilmember Pyle supported Disability Awareness Day with a financial contribution and has indicated her financial support of the Unison in Industries Conference as well. The Commission wanted to thank her for her support.

5. Chairperson Report (Otila Salazar-Torres)

Chair Salazar-Torres reported that the proclamation for Disability Awareness Day was given to the Disability Advisory Commission for their work and also for the work on the City's 2nd Annual Disability Awareness Day and for Disability Awareness Month.

Chair Salazar-Torres reported that Vice-Chair O'Donnell is starting on her Face Book Page "Make a Difference Day." Vice-Chair O'Donnell stated that the purpose is to encourage people to do something every day that will make a difference for a person with disabilities. Chair Salazar-Torres also mentioned that Vice-Chair has written a book called, "Small Things Count," which has an array of things you can do to make a difference.

Chair Salazar-Torres stated that she was approached at the Disability Awareness Day by a Santa Clara County Commissioner who wanted to be a liaison to the City's Disability Advisory Commission. Commissioner Morrow is also the Disability Advisory's Commission's liaison for Santa Clara County. This gentleman will be able to come to the meetings as an invited guest.

6. Santa Clara County Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities Liaison Report (Aaron Morrow)

No report.

7. Green Print update presentation (informational) by Rafael Gomez (PRNS)

Mr. Dave Mitchell, Parks Planning Manager, substituted for Mr. Gomez. Mr. Mitchell presented the City's Greenprint 2009 update. The original Greenprint document was combined from three different City departments to define what should the recreational facilities of the City be providing over the next twenty years, starting in the year 2000 and ending in the year 2020, in order to create a more livable City. Mr. Mitchell presented the Greenprint 2009 process and the updated Greenprint uses. The Greenprint program's aim is to create a balanced park system for San Jose as well high quality facilities and programs.

Commissioner Kaeding asked Mr. Mitchell how much success has the City had in building public-private partnerships that would attract employers to the area. Mr. Mitchell stated that Parks has designated a person who is in charge of trying to make those partnerships work.

Chair Salazar-Torres asked Mr. Mitchell about Parks' partnership with the Office of Therapeutic Services (OTS) insofar as the Strategic Plan. Mr. Mitchell stated that the Greenprint Plan has focused into more of a capital document rather than a strategic plan. The OTS has its own strategic plan.

Chair Salazar-Torres commented that the Councilmembers at the Disability Advisory Commission's Roundtable in September was surprised to learn that not all of the districts had an OTS center. Is there a policy or addendum in the Greenprint document to provide those services in all of the districts in the future? Mr. Mitchell stated that the goal of the City in dealing with the hub centers was to have therapeutic services in all of the hub centers. It has become a question of staffing and funding.

Mr. Mitchell reported that the Greenprint document is going to the Neighborhood Services Standing Committee of the City Council on November 12th. It will be going to the City Council on December 1st.

8. Presentation from Sarah Triano, Executive Director of Silicon Valley Independent Living Center

Sarah Triano presented to the Commission an overview of the Silicon Valley Independent Living Center's (SVILC) history, mission and goals. It is an organization run by and for people with disabilities. SVILC focuses on civil rights, integration and advocacy. There are over 400 independent centers like SVILC across the country; however, SVILC is the only one serving all of Santa Clara County. All independent living centers offer four main core services: Information and referral, peer counseling, independent living skill training, and advocacy. SVILC has just recently been awarded two major grants totaling \$312,000: The Youth Outreach and Transition Program, leadership training for local youth with disabilities, and the *Olmstead* Implementation Peer Mentoring Program which assists persons with disabilities of all ages in nursing homes and institutions in moving into their own homes in the community. Next year SVILC is planning a huge, City-wide ADA celebration on July 24th and July 26th, 2010 for the 20th Anniversary of the ADA.

Commissioner Emeritus Vidt asked if they had run into situations where landlords were not abiding by the California law that each unit on the first floor or accessible from an elevator has to be an accessible unit. Dave Mitchell from Parks responded to the question as the liaison between the Parks Department and the Planning Department. Every Thursday there is a meeting where folks from all the departments look at plans coming from the Planning Department. The representative from Code Enforcement is the major advocate for ADA at those meetings and looks at and comments on the ADA issues first.

Commissioner Emeritus Vidt asked if the sidewalk situation was the same as when he was last at SVILC. Ms. Triano stated that there were still no sidewalks around the facility on Zanker Road, and the center was in the process of locating another facility that was more accessible.

9. Approval of a recommendation to the City Council to adopt a proclamation declaring December 1, 2009 as World AIDS Day in the City of San Jose.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kaeding, seconded by Commissioner Robinson the proclamation declaring December 1, 2009 World AIDS Day in the City of San Jose was unanimously approved.

10. Report on Standing Commission Items

- a) Emergency/Disaster Planning for Persons with Disabilities
 - b) "Strategic Plan, Services for Persons with Disabilities" Advisory Board
 - c) VTA and Paratransit Service Issues
 - d) DAC Workplan
- Tabled until next meeting.

11. Discussion on whether Disability Advisory Commission will meet in December.

The Commission decided to have a meeting in December to be held on Monday, December 7th.

12. ADA Coordinator Report (Eileen Ewing)

Ms Ewing reported that the Emergency Shelters for San Jose's Vulnerable Population has started into a second phase of development, with three modules: Disaster Shelter Site Survey Teams and Support, Durable Medical Equipment, and Curriculum Development for Shelter Staff. This will be ongoing until the end of this fiscal year.

Christopher Donnelly from the Work2future program sent Ms Ewing an email stating that all front-line staff has had a series of training from DOR and SVILC, the front door to the San Jose One Stop is now automated for greater accessibility for disabled clients. Work2future has also applied for a grant from the State of California for funds to purchase new adaptive equipment and for a full-time Disability Navigator.

13. Announcements

Commissioner Wright announced that Hope Services has volunteers who are able to assist with any extra work that needs to be done, i.e., filing, copying, etc. Contact Commissioner Wright for further information.

Commissioner Komeilizadeh announced that Able People Foundation has introduced a new program, Open Access, Outreach and Advocacy through Technology, a program designed to connect the public and other organizations with information and issues specific to people with disabilities and the elderly. He asked that if anyone or their organization has programs and issues about disabilities and want public awareness, they can schedule a live webcast with them.

14. Agenda Development

- a. November – Work2Future Update
- b. December or January – Jacky Morales (Housing Dept) affordable housing update
- c. RDA/Code Enforcement – update on sidewalk café ordinance and enforcement
- d. Joseph Carillo – Emergency Shelter update
- e. Community center re-use – City's addition of 6 centers – nutritional sites

15. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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