

**CITY OF FRESNO
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED - MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 2009 MEETING

DAC Commission Members Present: Robert Hand, Chair, Lillian Fillpot, Vice Chair, Ron Sheppard, Darby Greer, Michelle Bronson, Mary Beth Randall

Staff Present: Elizabeth Kunz, DAC Secretary, Patrick Wiemiller, Public Works Director, Darrell Unruh, Planning & Development Planning Manager, Greg Eisner, Transportation/FAX Support Services Manager, Sylvia Shelton, Public Works Services Aide

Call to Order and Self Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Member Randall, seconded by Member Fillpot, duly carried, the minutes of May 11, 2009, approved as submitted.

MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chair Hand reported he will be attending the State Rehabilitation Council Meeting on July 10, 2009, which will be addressing funding issues and potential layoffs of staff.

Member Fillpot attended Disability Capital Action Day on May 27, 2009 in Sacramento, along with 42 others from the Fresno area and 3,000 to 4,000 from all of California. They were able to get legislative visits with Senator Dave Cogdill and Assemblyman Mike Villines.

Member Greer informed the Commission that this would be her last meeting and that she appreciated the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Member Sheppard expressed appreciation for the service of Member Greer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Elizabeth Kunz presented Proposed Draft Amendments to the Fresno Municipal Code related to accessibility for persons with disabilities for consideration on a future agenda.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION

Darrell Unruh, Planning Manager in the Planning Division of the Development and Planning Department, apprised the Commission that the Planning Department is in the process of addressing the issue of residential developments and the provision of sidewalks and mobility improvements for persons with disabilities. The 2025 Fresno General Plan (plan for growth development and objectives in the City through the year 2025, including policies with respect to providing sidewalk and pedestrian amenities in residential areas) is being revised and a preliminary draft will be presented to the Commission before the next DAC Meeting for review and advisement.

ANNOUNCEMENT: WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORTATION ISSUE MEETING, JUNE 19, 2009

Greg Eisner, Support Services Manager in the Department of Transportation/FAX, reported that announcements have been placed in the all Handy Ride vehicles and in the sales offices where Handy Ride tickets are sold advertising the Transportation Plan Workshop scheduled for June 19, 2009. This will be a forum where the public has the opportunity to express concerns and make recommendations regarding transportation issues for persons with disabilities. Members Fillpot and Randall will be participating in this "working group."

ACTION ITEM: DETERMINE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE AND NUMBER OF MEETINGS PER YEAR

A schedule of proposed DAC Meeting dates for 2009 was provided to the Commission.

A motion to not have meetings for the months of August and November was made by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Randall, and carried.

ACTION ITEM: REVIEW AND APPROVE APPLICATION FOR DAC AWARD PROGRAM

A motion to accept the DAC Award Program Application as presented was made by Member Randall, seconded by Member Greer, and carried.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE OF CITY OF FRESNO PARKING ENFORCEMENT ACTION – SWEEP FOR MISUSE OF PLACARDS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Elizabeth presented a draft letter from the DAC supporting the efforts by the City of Fresno, Public Works Department, Parking Services Division in their effort to identify and eliminate the use of accessible parking spots by unqualified individuals.

Patrick Wiemiller, Public Works Director, expressed his appreciation of the Commission's consideration of endorsement of the sweep of placard misuse.

Following discussion, a motion to accept the letter in support of the efforts of Parking Services in their effort to identify and eliminate the use of accessible parking spots by unqualified individuals was made by Member Randall, seconded by Member Greer, and carried.

Chair Hand thanked Member Greer for her service on the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, the hour of 6:10 p.m. having arrived and hearing no objection, Member Fillpot made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Randall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.