

**CITY OF FRESNO
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED - MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2010 MEETING

DAC Commission Members Present: Michelle Bronson, Mary Beth Randall, Ron Sheppard, Rachelle Taylor (Vice Chair) Carlos Duarte (*ex officio*)

Staff Present: Elizabeth Kunz, DAC Secretary, 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 Bronson, duly carried, the minutes of January 11, 2010 were approved.

MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT: CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM 700

Elizabeth Kunz reported that the DAC members are required to fill out a Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests and an RDA Disclosure form. One set of forms should be filed when Commissioners assume office and then annually thereafter; annual submissions are due April 1, 2010.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION

None

PRESENTATION: THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICE CENTER VISOR CARD PROGRAM

Member Bronson introduced a Visor Card produced by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center for their consumers. The card is to be put in the visors of consumer's vehicles to use if stopped by a police officer. The card explains that the person is Deaf or Hard of Hearing and includes instructions and laws for communicating with these individuals.

PRESENTATION: FAX STATISTICAL TRACKING REPORT

Greg Eisner, of the Department of Transportation, addressed the Commission and introduced Paul Kwiatkowski, General Manager of Handy Ride. Mr. Kwiatkowski reviewed the recent history of the Handyride paratransit program and provided an overview of the tracking data for Fresno Area Express (FAX) for the week ending February 3, 2010. This information is updated weekly and is available on the City of Fresno City Manager's website.

PRESENTATION: REVISION OF CITY OF FRESNO EMERGENCY PLAN

Gary Eberhard, of the Office of Emergency Services, reported that his department is gaining knowledge from recent disasters in how to deal with people with disabilities in an emergency situation. The City of Fresno has a workable emergency plan and an updated version is being written and should be completed and available to the public by 2011.

The City of Fresno will also join the County of Fresno in a project to improve emergency evacuation planning with an emphasis on planning for people with access and functional needs. People with disabilities will be included in the task forces. The City will form a task force to specifically deal with people with special needs, and Mr. Eberhard asked the DAC Commission to help in determining who they would like to have on the committee.

ACTION ITEM: ASSIGNMENT OF TASK FORCE TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EMERGENCY PLAN PROVISIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Member Taylor mentioned that Member Duarte has been nominated to serve on this task force.

Member Randall volunteered to be on the task force to assist in the development of emergency plan provisions for persons with disabilities.

Member Shepherd made a motion to nominate Members Randall and Duarte to serve on the Task Force to Assist in the Development of Emergency Plan Provisions for Persons with Disabilities. Member Taylor seconded the motion and it passed.

ACTION ITEM: ASSIGNMENT OF TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP COST EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH/PUBLIC RELATIONS OPTIONS FOR DAC

Elizabeth Kunz asked if any of the DAC members would be willing to meet with her to talk about ideas for community outreach or public relations. Members Taylor and Shepherd volunteered to be a part of a task force.

Member Randall made a motion to appoint Members Taylor and Shepherd to the Task Force to Develop Cost Effective Community Outreach/Public Relations Options for DAC. Member Bronson seconded the motion and it passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, the hour of 6:35 p.m. having arrived and hearing no objection, Vice Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting.