

**CITY OF FRESNO
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED - MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2010 MEETING

DAC Commission Members Present: Michelle Bronson, Jenelle Pitt, Mary Beth Randall, Ron Sheppard, Dorothy Young, 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

Member Randall corrected the minutes to read California Council “of” the Blind, not “for” the Blind.

On motion of Member Sheppard seconded by Member Pitt, duly carried, the minutes of April 12, 2010 were approved as amended.

MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Member Randall encouraged attendance at the City’s budget hearings May 11 and 12, 2010, as there will be extensive cuts to the upcoming budget.

Member Bronson announced the 22nd Annual Valley Deaf & Hard of Hearing African Festival at the Clovis Memorial Building May 15, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Member Sheppard reported that Resources for Independence Central Valley is sponsoring a summer program for students to receive basic skills and vocational financial training at Edison, McLane, and Roosevelt High Schools.

Member Young announced that the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Annual Walk will be held on June 12th at Chukchansi at 6:00 p.m.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION

None

PRESENTATION: PROPOSED REVISION TO FRESNO GENERAL PLAN POLICY E-1-O REGARDING REQUIREMENT FOR SIDEWALKS ON NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS WITH PRIVATE STREETS

Israel Trejo, from Planning and Development, presented the proposed 2025 Fresno General Plan Policy E-1-o regarding sidewalks in new single-family residential subdivisions. The plan requires sidewalks on both sides of the streets, but allows creativity through a Pedestrian Access Plan. Dead-end streets of 200' or less and single-loaded streets are the exception. Member Duarte requested that the proposal include requiring connectivity from accessible parking to all amenities.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE PROPOSED REVISION TO FRESNO GENERAL PLAN POLICY E-1-O

Member Duarte made a motion to accept the proposal as presented with the addition of including connectivity between amenities to accessible parking. Member Young seconded the motion and it passed.

ACTION ITEM: APPEAL PROCESS FOR HANDY RIDE ELIGIBILITY AND/OR SUSPENSION OF SERVICE

Greg Eisner presented the Proposed Change to the Eligibility Appeal Process for Handy Ride. The Eligibility Review Committee will now consist of one member from the Disability Advisory Commission (DAC), one appointed member of the community selected by a member of the DAC, and one FAX representative. Member Sheppard suggested that the complaint form include information about how to file a complaint with a relevant federal agency, if the individual disagreed with the outcome of the eligibility review.

Member Randall made a motion to accept the proposed change to the Handy Ride Eligibility Appeal Process, Member Young seconded the motion, and it passed with Member Sheppard abstaining.

PRESENTATION: ADA COMMON WHEELCHAIR REQUIREMENTS FOR PARATRANSIT SERVICE

Greg Eisner reported on the definition of “common wheelchair” length, width, and combined weight (of the person and mobility device) in the regulations implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act. He indicated that it is assumed that the weight limit was established because of rating limitations of lifts, but it could also be because of other structural limitations on the paratransit vehicles – tie downs, vehicle suspensions, etc. If individuals are certified in Fresno, they would have reciprocal eligibility any where in the country. Mr. Eisner described the alternatives available to individuals whose weight exceeds the “common wheelchair” parameters.

ACTION ITEM: CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, ADOPT NEW DATE FOR JUNE DAC MEETING. POTENTIAL DATES FOR RESCHEDULED MEETING ARE: JUNE 7, 8, 28, OR 29

Member Sheppard made a motion that the June DAC Meeting be moved to Tuesday, June 8, 2010. Member Young seconded the motion and it passed.

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

Secretary Kunz reported that the task force will dissolve in June. Member Randall stated that the City is working hard to update the Emergency Plan to ensure every person is covered in the plan. Member Duarte has been involved in an organizational group and stated that it is a huge project and dialogue has been good.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, the hour of 6:20 pm having arrived and hearing no objection, Member

Randall made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member Pitt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.