COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Chair John Krick, and Commissioners Shelly Dunston, Tedra Trimm, Gilbert Lee, Sandy Tarmo, Debora Mickelson, Bryn Pellegrino, and Leah Stuart

ABSENT: Commissioner Tim Hennessey

STAFF PRESENT: Fred Tobar, Joshua Monzon, and Minuet McArtor

Chair John Krick convened the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIR
Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Mickelson and seconded by Commissioner Tarmo and Commissioner Lee to nominate Commissioner Trimm for Chair for the 2025-2026 term. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Hennessey absent.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR
Following discussion, it was moved by Chair Trimm and seconded by Commissioner Tarmo and Commissioner Lee to nominate Commissioner Stuart for Vice Chair for the 2025-2026 term. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Hennessey absent.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
There was no one wishing to address the Commission.

PRESENTATION
RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE MOMS COOPERATIVE

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Commission received and ordered filed the presentation from the Moms Cooperative.

RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Commission received and ordered filed the presentation from the Riverside Police Department.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Tarmo and seconded by Commissioner Pellegrino to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the action appropriate to the item. The motion was carried with Commissioner Hennessey absent.

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The minutes for the meetings of January and February 2025 were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATES ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND REGIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mickelson shared what she had learned about special education and disability rights resources such as Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK), Disability Rights California, and the Community Access Center (CAC).

Commissioner Lee spoke about an upcoming mock interview event collaboration with the school district and the organization Yes to More Life on May 8th at the Grove.

Commissioner Tarmo and Chair Trimm attended an Ethics meeting where they met members of other Commissions.

UPDATES FROM THE EVENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioner Tarmo would like to organize an event with all sixteen of the City's Commissions to be held over the summer.

Vice Chair Stuart would like to organize outreach to Marketing to advertise upcoming Commission events through the City's social media pages.

Commissioners Mickelson, Lee, Pellegrino, Tarmo, and Dunston will be attending the symposium at CBU on March 29th to share their experiences with the special ed system.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Mickelson proposed sending out information on the CAC program and Commission on Disabilities when the school year starts again.

Vice Chair Stuart is interested in what RUSD is doing to stop bullying, and what resources they have concerning teaching kids about disabilities. She would like to receive a presentation from RUSD.

Commissioner Tarmo proposes advertising the Commission on Disabilities in the monthly Janet Goeske brochure.

Chair Tedra Trimm adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Tobar

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Administrative Analyst