



# COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MINUTES

**Thursday, November 21, 2019  
5:30 PM**

ART PICK CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL,  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, 92522  
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 951-826-5427

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*“The mission of the Commission on Disabilities is to promote greater awareness of, respect for, and the total participation of individuals with disabilities into all aspects of life.”*

State law restricts the Commission on Disabilities from taking action on an item unless it has been included on an agenda and posted at least 72 hours in advance of a meeting or unless the matter falls within one of the narrow exceptions. Consequently, any item not listed on this agenda will normally have to be delayed until the item can be made part of a posted agenda.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 pm

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ABSENT: Vice-Chairperson Kimberly Lopez (excused) and Antonia Quezada (unexcused).

Also in attendance were General Services Deputy Director Shari Call, Seargent Chad Milby, RPD, Tiffany Ross, Supervisor of Community Behavioral Health Assessment Team (CBAT and the Crisis Intervention Training Program (CIT) Coordinator and ADA Coordinator Monique Gordon.

- 1. Public Comment Period** - This is the portion of the meeting specifically set aside to invite your comments regarding any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction. Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes.

There was no public comment.

## PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation from Mayor's Social Work Internship Program to create awareness about how hands-on social work, collaboration with local universities, faith organizations, the City of Riverside's Office of Homeless Solutions and the local nonprofit homeless shelter can work together to alleviate barriers to housing, health and social services.

Due to a miscommunication, this presenter was not in attendance. This presentation will be rescheduled to the January 16, 2020 meeting.

3. Presentation from the Riverside Police Department about Integrating Communications, Assessment and Tactics training for defusing critical incidents.

Sergeant Milby provided a detailed presentation on how in recent years, the law enforcement community has been studying developments regarding police use of force, particularly with respect to officer safety, the safety of the people they encounter, and the impact these issues have on police-community relationships.

There is a growing realization among leaders of the policing profession and members of the public that in many communities, police use of force has become a critical issue that is setting back community-police relations and may even be impacting public and officer safety. It was clear that additional research and new ways of thinking about police use of force were needed, and the law enforcement community has stepped forward to fill that need.

A critical need for training on certain types of encounters was identified, such as a person behaving erratically, often the result of mental illness, post-traumatic stress disorder, intellectual or developmental disabilities, or conditions such as autism that limit the person's ability to understand or respond rationally to a police officer's orders. Integrating the Communications, Assessment and Tactics (ICAT) training model fills this gap in law enforcement training in the key areas of decision-making, crisis recognition and response, tactical communications and negotiations, and operational safety tactics.

## DISCUSSION CALENDAR

*This portion of the Commission on Disabilities Agenda is for all matters where staff and public participation is anticipated. Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes.*

4. Board and Commission Attendance Policy concerning the November 21, 2019 meeting: Gregory Alexander III (excused)

Chairperson Alexander was excused for this absence at the September 19, 2019 meeting. This item is noted again in error.

5. Minutes for the meeting of September 19, 2019

M/S Nelson/Lewis to approve the minutes from September 19, 2019 as presented.

AYES – 7 (Lewis, Davis, Krick, Foust, Perkins, Nelson, Aleman); NOES - 0; ABSTAIN – 2 (Alexander, Coon); ABSENT – 2 (Lopez, Quezeda)

6. 2020 Commission on Disabilities Meeting Schedule.

M/S Foust/Nelson to approve the 2020 COD Meeting Schedule.

AYES – 7 (Lewis, Davis, Krick, Foust, Perkins, Nelson, Aleman); NOES - 0; ABSTAIN – 2 (Alexander, Coon); ABSENT – 2 (Lopez, Quezeda)

## COMMUNICATIONS

7. Brief reports on conferences, seminars, meetings attended by Commission on Disabilities Members.
  - a. Commissioner Lewis noted that she and the ADA Coordinator had attended the Growing Up Special Event / Legislative Breakfast. The RPD presentation was seen at this event. She noted it was very good to attend community events and hear what is happening in Riverside. Senator Roth, Assemblymember's Medina and Assemblymember Cervantes were represented at the event.
  - b. Commissioner Lewis also provided information about the upcoming play: Nelly's Story. This play is being presented in conjunction with the NAACP Youth Council and the Commission on Disabilities. She would like to see a COD booth at this event and have Commissioners interact with the community. This play deals with the topic of domestic violence from the viewpoint of an eleven-year-old child. There will be three shows, two on Saturday December 28 at 3 pm and 6 pm, and Sunday, December 29 at 3 pm.
  - c. Commissioner Nelson noted that he had gone to Sacramento to attend a planning meeting to advocate for people with special needs and to help create programs for the special needs community here in Riverside. He is Vice-chair of the DDS.
  - d. The newest Commissioner, Don Coon introduced himself as a 35 year resident of Riverside. He has been involved with the Special Olympics for many years.
  - e. Commissioner Perkins noted that she and Commissioner Foust were in attendance at the Inland Regional Center's Fall Festival in front of City Hall on October 27, 2019. Many visitors to the booth were unaware of the COD and were glad to find out it exists.

## 8. Items for Future Consideration:

- a. Park, Recreation and Community Services presentation about employment and disabled youth in recreation.
- b. Update of employment PSA.
- c. Update of brochures.
- d. Make COD members available to provide presentations for other groups.
- e. Quarterly COD updates before Council to let them know what is happening
- f. Agenda item to discuss how the COD can be more public.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:40 pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 16, 2020, Art Pick Council Chambers, 5:30 pm.