

*City of Arts & Innovation*

## COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025, 5:30 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Chair Tedra Trimm, and Commissioners John Krick, Gilbert Lee, Sandy Tarmo, Debora Mickelson, Bryn Pellegrino, and Tim Hennessey

ABSENT: Vice Chair Leah Stuart, and Commissioner Shelly Dunston

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

Chair Tedra Trimm convened the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Staff member John Burnett from Riverside Connect spoke about a rate increase going into effect on July 1, 2025, and handed out a brochure containing more information on the transportation program, and announced June 10, 2025 Riverside Connect would provide residents over the age of 60 with free rides due to the organization's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **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 Vice Chair Stuart and Commissioner Shelly Dunston absent.

### **MINUTES**

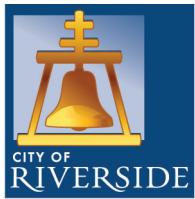
The minutes for the meetings of March 20, 2025 and April 17, 2025 were approved as presented.

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

PROVIDE FEEDBACK, SUGGESTIONS, OR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE REVIEW SESSIONS CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES COMMITTEE

The Commission received and ordered filed the presentation from Staff Member Fred Tobar regarding the Governmental Process Committee (GPC) meeting held May 7, 2025. Following discussion and without formal motion, the Commissioners made the following suggestions for the GPC:

- Recommend clearer communications across the board with other Commissions to



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the Governmental Process Committee.

- Recommend clear instruction for what is expected of the Commission on Disabilities.
- Suggest more items for the Commission on Disabilities from the City Council.
- Suggest more updates and items from City departments related to the Commission on Disabilities goals regarding accessibility, inclusivity, and potential improvements.
- Advise meeting with more Commissions for feedback is critical to making improvements and working more efficiently.
- Consider the timing of many Commission meetings, as the time of the Commission on Disabilities meetings may be preventing reliable attendance from both Commissioners and members of the public.

### REVIEW AND APPROVE THE REVISED DRAFT OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES RESOURCE GUIDE

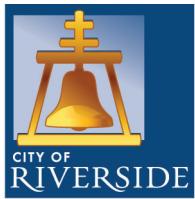
Following review and discussion, it was motioned by Commissioner Mickelson and seconded by Commissioners Lee, Hennessey, and Pellegrino to approve the draft of the Commission on Disabilities Resource Guide for distribution. The motion was carried with Vice Chair Stuart and Commissioner Shelly Dunston absent.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### UPDATES ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND REGIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Tarmo expressed that most residents in the City do not know that the Commission on Disabilities exists, and that at a meeting with the Board of Ethics she had learned that other boards and commissions are facing similar challenges.

Chair Trimm suggested putting together a list of upcoming events to increase Commission participation and attendance.



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Commissioner Lee spoke about a mock interview event he held on May 8th, which included members from the community, school district, and the Riverside Police Department.

Commissioner Mickelson shared that this is likely going to be her last Commission meeting, as she and her family are moving out of Riverside. She mentioned that In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), despite it being the same program statewide, requires people to reapply and get back on the waiting list if there is a change in address. She also stressed the importance of the Commission on Disabilities, and how the Commission can help people who need assistance but aren't aware of available resources.

### UPDATES FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES

Commissioner Tarmo plans to have a meeting in the early fall with members from the Commission on Disabilities, the Commission on Aging, the Commission of the Deaf, and other Boards and Commissions to set up an event at Fairmount Park.

Chair Trimm will share future events to Staff for distribution to fellow Commissioners for their review and gauge interest for Commission participation.

### ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Staff member Fred Tobar will share data from 211 with the Commission at a future meeting.

Chair Tedra Trimm adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Fred Tobar*

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Fred Tobar  
Administrative Analyst