

City of Arts & Innovation

# COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023, 5:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER 3900 MAIN STREET

# PRESENT: Chair John Krick, and Commissioners Albert Davis, Tedra Trimm, Gilbert Lee, Shelly Dunston, and Sandy Tarmo

## ABSENT: Commissioner Ryan Nelson and Vice Chair Perkins

STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Spiking

Chair Krick convened the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Tarmo and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the action appropriate to the item. The motion was carried with Commissioner Nelson and Vice Chair Perkins absent.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of September 21, 2023, and October 19, 2023, were approved as presented.

#### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

DETERMINE WHETHER THE ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER DAVIS FROM THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, 2023, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Tarmo and seconded by Commissioner Trimm to excuse Commissioner Davis' absence from the October 19, 2023, meeting. The motion carried with Chair Krick, and Commissioners Davis, Trimm, Tarmo, Lee, and Dunston voting aye and Vice Chair Perkins and Commissioner Nelson absent.

DETERMINE WHETHER THE ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER NELSON FROM THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, 2023, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Tarmo And seconded by Commissioner Lee to record Commissioner Nelson's absence from the October 19, 2023, meeting as unexcused. The motion carried with Chair Krick, and Commissioners Davis, Trimm, Tarmo, Lee, and Dunston voting aye and Vice Chair Perkins and Commissioner



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Nelson absent. Commissioner Davis requested a further explanation as to why he was absent.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE DRAFT OF THE 2024 ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITES

The purpose of the 2024 annual work plan for the Commission on Disabilities was explained to the Commissioners. Each item was reviewed, and the Commissioners provided feedback to enhance the structure and goals of the work plan. An updated work plan will be agendized at the next regular scheduled meeting in December.

## COMMUNICATIONS

## UPDATE ON BROCHURE

Commissioners provided feedback and suggestions for the brochure. Staff will work with the City Marketing team to get a brochure drafted that will be presented to the Commission at a future meeting.

UPDATES ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND REGIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Lee shared that he took his community integration group to meet with Riverside County Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez who informed them about a new program called Employer Connect.

Commissioner Trimm shared that she was at a business meeting and there was a presentation from a dance and entertainment group called Straight UP Abilities and she stated that it was very inspirational. Another topic that was high-lighted at the meeting was there are not very many non-credit classes offered at community colleges now and most of the classes are very academic in nature. There was discussion about how to create classes or programs that are more accessible to people who have disabilities. She shared that there are conversations happening within the City of Riverside as to how some of these programs can be replicated in implemented.

## ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

There were no items presented for future consideration.



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The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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