



**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
MINUTES
Thursday, March 17, 2022
5:30 PM**

ART PICK CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL,
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, 92501
VIRTUAL MEETING, RIVERSIDECA.GOV/MEETING
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 951-826-5427

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: 5:35 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ABSENT: Albert Davis, Antonia Quezada, Don Coon

Also, in attendance was Staff Member Jessica Spiking and Guest Speaker Michael Rosenkrantz from SoCal Adaptive Sports.

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 were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive a presentation from SoCal Adaptive Sports regarding the creation of an inclusive society through competitive and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

SoCal Adaptive Sport, also known as Palms to Pines Parasports, was incorporated in May 2020 to provide adaptive sports opportunities throughout Riverside County. The vision for SoCal Adaptive Sports is “A world in which adaptive athletes have the same opportunities to lead as full a life as their

able-bodied peers.” Creating adaptive sport opportunities so that every person, no matter what their ability, has an opportunity to participate. Michael Rosenkrantz explains that participating in sports is not only about the physical activity, but also about helping people become emotionally and socially fit as well. The mission for SoCal Adaptive Sports is to create a more inclusive society by providing competitive and recreational opportunities, focusing on people with physical disabilities and simultaneously working with athletes with other disabilities, while instilling a lifelong passion for wellness and helping everyone meet their full potential.

SoCal Adaptive Sports rises to the challenge of providing adaptive sports to everyone. They have key values which will allow them to be a leading adaptive sport organization.

Values:

- RESILIENT – They take pride in what they do, and they prepare for a future without fear, prejudice, or discrimination.
- INCLUSIVE – They embrace diversity by being open to everybody wanting to participate. They seek out other perspectives and consider the impact of our decisions on the community.
- SERVICE – They have the passion for compassion, and they understand and support everyone in order to bring out the best of their abilities.
- EXCELLENCE – they are honest, fair, and transparent. They proactively seek out partnerships with others to create the best possible outcomes for participants.

SoCal Adaptive Sports has many goals for the future:

- Build a sustainable adaptive sports non-profit organization.
- Create a greater awareness of the capabilities of people with disabilities through outreach and support.
- Enable people with disabilities to achieve and lead fulfilling lives and to challenge themselves by playing sports in a safe inclusive environment.
- Become the go-to organization in finding resources and information for the disabled community.
- Introduce athletes to sports and wellness while assisting them in acquiring the necessary tools to participate.

Michael Rosenkrantz shared a document that listed all the highlights from 2021.

Commissioner Krick stated that he would like to see more students with disabilities being included in school sports programs.

Commissioner Aleman asked if there are age limits. Michael Rosenkrantz stated that they offer programs and events for people of all ages.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION 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.

3. Determine whether the absence of Commissioner Kimberly Hiniker December 16, 2021, should be recorded as an excused or unexcused absence.

Vice Chair Nelson made a motion to designate the absence as excused,
Second – Commissioner Krick
All in favor

4. Determine whether the absence of Commissioner Kittie Aleman on December 16, 2021, should be recorded as an excused or unexcused absence.

Commissioner Lee made motion to designate the absence as excused,
Second – Vice Chair Nelson
All in favor

5. Determine whether the absence of Commissioner Gregory Alexander on December 16, 2021, should be recorded as an excused or unexcused absence.

Commissioner Gregory Alexander's term with the Commission on Disabilities ended at the beginning of March therefore this item does not require a vote.

6. Approve minutes for the meeting of December 16, 2021.

Motion to approve – Commissioner Krick
Second – Commissioner Aleman
All in favor

7. Consideration of the annual election of officers.

Commissioner Aleman motioned that the current Chair and Vice Chair serve another term. Chair Perkins and Vice Chair Nelson both accepted the positions.
All in favor

COMMISSONER COMMUNICATIONS

8. Updates on conferences, seminars, and regional meetings attended by Commissioners.

There are no updates at this time.

9. Items for future consideration as requested by Commission Members.

Commissioner Aleman asked Staff Member Jessica Spiking if there is any information regarding a Social Media Policy on spreading the word to the public about the Commission on Disability meetings. Staff Member Jessica Spiking explained that Commission Members are allowed to share when and where the next Commission on Disabilities meeting will be taking place however, it is very important that social media is not being used to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission on Disabilities because then it becomes a violation of the Brown Act. Staff Member Jessica Spiking will reach out to the City's Marketing team to get specific examples of what can and cannot be discussed on social media pages.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:24pm

All in favor

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 5:30 pm.