



**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
DRAFT MINUTES
Monday, May 4, 2016
5:30 PM**

*FIFTH FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL,
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, 92522
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: 5:30 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Roll Call: Chairperson Vivian Stancil, Keith Nelson, Sharron Lewis, Richard Olquin, Lisa Miller, Vivian Foust

ABSENT: Ward (excused), Gonzalez (excused), Treen (unexcused), Alexander (unexcused).

Gregory Alexander arrived at 5:45 pm. Robin Treen arrived at 6 pm.

Also present were PRCS Transit Manager Ron Profeta and ADA Coordinator Monique Gordon.

2. **Introductions and 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.
 - A. Shirley Ferrente – Advocate for disabled seniors. Works with students from Notre Dame High School to photograph around the City to identify sidewalks that need to be repaired. She requested that the COD let the Mayor know about the Notre Dame students who helped with this project and commend the students for their work.
 - B. Ms. Lewis asked if this was a project she was working on and Ms. Ferrente said yes. The project was photographing all the sidewalks in Riverside that have sidewalk cracks needing repair for safer sidewalks. Ms. Lewis asked if there was some way to meet Ms. Ferrente’s needs concerning contacting the Mayor and City Council. ADA Coordinator noted that the packet of information should be submitted to the COD so the COD could send this

information forward to Public Works since they are responsible for maintenance of sidewalk right-of-ways.

C. Chairperson Stancil noted the Annual Drown Proof clinic had been held at Riverside City College and there were 150 participants. It was a successful event.

D. Resident Ryan Nelson was in attendance.

E. Francine Lau-Knolson from the Department of Rehabilitation was in attendance

3. Minutes for the meetings of March 7, 2016 and April 2, 2016.

M/S Nelson/Foust to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016 as presented.

AYES – 6; (Stancil, Nelson, Lewis, Olquin, Foust, Alexander); NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 2 (Miller, Treen); ABSENT – 2 (Ward, Gonzalez).

M/S Nelson/Olquin to approve the minutes of April 4 2016 special meeting:

AYES – 6 (Nelson, Olquin, Stancil, Nelson, Lewis, Alexander); NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 2 (Miller, Treen); ABSENT 2 – (Ward, Gonzales)

4. Discussion and Editing: Draft Video Feature-Increasing Employment Opportunities for persons with disabilities

Marketing Manager Stephanie Harvey presented a rough draft of the video to the COD. The COD provided input and direction on what they would like to see in the next draft at the July 18, 2016 COD meeting.

Francine Lau-Knolson, Department of Rehabilitation, noted that the DOR also supports professional careers for people with college degrees. Career level people with disabilities is the group DOR would like to see showcased.

5. Review and edit a presentation to City Council

ADA Coordinator Monique Gordon will email the current draft to all of the COD members for review and comment. This topic will be discussed again at the July 18, 2016 meeting.

6. Commission on Disabilities Website Expansion

Some of the links are not working and need to be re-established by IT.

A subcommittee will be formed to work on the website expansion: Gregory Alexander, Lisa Miller, Keith Nelson will serve on the subcommittee

M/S Nelson/Miller and unanimous to form a website expansion subcommittee.

AYES – 8 (Nelson, Olquin, Stancil, Nelson, Lewis, Alexander, Treen, Miller); NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 0; ABSENT – 2 (Ward, Gonzales)

7. Workers' Compensation Coverage to volunteer board members and commissioners.

Human Resources staff did not show up to discuss this item.

8. 311 Call Center – ADA Related Service Statistics

Noted by the COD.

9. Items for future Commission on Disabilities consideration

- COD T-Shirts
- Mayor's Night Out

10. Mayor's Commission on Aging meets 1:00 p.m. the second Thursday of each month (May 12, 2016) in the Mayor's Ceremonial Room.

11. Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month (May 17, 2016) from 9:30am - 11:30am, at the Rustin Conference Center 2085 Rustin Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.

12. Riverside's Model Deaf Community Committee (MDCC), third Wednesday of the month (May 18, 2016) at 4:00 pm in the 6th Floor Small Conference Room.

13. A symposium series: Dementia 101, Council Chambers on March 19, 2016, 5:30 pm

14. Dementia respite: A Night of Hope and Joy, Janet Goeske Center on May 10, 2016, 6-8 pm, the 2nd Tuesday each month.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Commission on Disabilities meeting is Monday, July 18, 2016 at 5:30 pm.