



**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
MINUTES
Monday, July 10, 2017
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.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE: City Clerk Colleen Nicol

The City Clerk swore in David Namazi, Ryan Nelson and Antonia Quezada as new members of the Commission on Disabilities. Vicki Guenther was sworn in previously.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Roll Call: Chairperson Sharron Lewis, Tola Perkins, Vivian Stancil, Vivian Foust, Albert Davis, David Namazi, Ryan Nelson, Antonia Quezada.

Vicki Guenther has an excused absence for vacation. Gregory Alexander arrived at 5:40 pm.

Also in attendance was Colleen Nicol, City Clerk, General Services Deputy Director Cindie Perry 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. The COD provided individual introductions for the three new COD members.
 - b. John Jose, resident since 2007, learned about the meeting from Paul Van Doren, former COD member, and attended to learn about the COD.
 - c. Peter Benavidez, President and CEO of Blindness Support Services is interested in seeing what ideas the COD can develop on behalf of people with disabilities.

- d. Mike Andersen, works for California School for the Deaf and is Chairperson Mayor's Model Deaf Community Committee (MDCC) who represents all the residents who are deaf in Riverside. He was invited by Monique Gordon and is excited about attending.
- e. John Jose is a visitor who has not been a happy resident of Riverside. He would like to learn more about the Riverside Police Department surveillance program, known as the multi-housing program. City residents need to be updated and provided more information about the PD multi-housing program.

3. Discussion/Approval: Board and Commission Attendance Policy: Vicki Guenther (new member)

Vickie Guenther was absent due to a previously scheduled family vacation (excused).

M/S Namazi/Foust and unanimous to approve Commissioner Guenther's absence.

AYES – 8 (Lewis, Perkins, Foust, Alexander, Davis, Namazi, Nelson, Quezada); NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.

M/S Foust/Namazi and unanimous that Ms. Stancil's absence is unexcused.

AYES – 8 (Lewis, Perkins, Foust, Alexander, Davis, Namazi, Nelson, Quezada); NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.

M/S Foust/Namazi amended the previous motion to include "if there are grounds for legitimate absence, i.e. an emergency, the absence can be changed to excused.

AYES – 8 (Lewis, Perkins, Foust, Alexander, Davis, Namazi, Nelson, Quezada); NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.

4. Minutes for the meetings of May 1, 2017.

There were not enough commissioners who were at the May meeting currently in attendance to approve the May 1, 2017 minutes. Commissioners present in May: Stancil, Lewis, Foust Alexander, Davis, Perkins and former Commissioner Lisa Miller. This item will be carried over to the September 19, 2017 meeting.

5. Workplan Development

When Commissioners receive job announcements, such as those forwarded from the ADA Coordinator, Commissioners will copy the ADA Coordinator so recipients can be tracked and statistics developed. This information will be conveyed to City Council by way of the Report to Council.

A subcommittee was developed to work on the report to City Council currently scheduled for December 19, 2017. The subcommittee will be Chairperson Lewis, David Namazi and Toni Quezada.

6. Code of Ethics Annual Review

The COD was instructed by Chairperson Lewis to read through the Code of Ethics and Conduct portion of the Municipal Code and forward any recommendations for changes to ADA Coordinator Monique Gordon no later than July 31, 2017.

M/S Alexander/Foust and unanimous for the COD to review the Code of Ethics and Conduct section of the Municipal Code and provide ADA Coordinator any recommended changes no later than July 31, 2017.

AYES – 8 (Lewis, Perkins, Foust, Alexander, Davis, Namazi, Nelson, Quezada); NOES – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.

7. Polo Shirts

The COD was presented with options for Polo Shirts to assist with public outreach. Long and short sleeve options were presented. The COD will provide the ADA Coordinator with their sizes.

8. 311 Call Center – ADA Related Service Statistics

This item was noted by the COD.

9. Items for future Commission on Disabilities consideration

- a. COD Annual Event Calendar
- b. Riverside Youth Council presentation
- c. Disability Expo in Riverside Convention Center
- d. Speaker from Homeless Services
- e. Human Resources Speaker
- f. Department on Aging Speaker
- g. Speaker concerning Veterans Affairs
- h. Chaffey Community College HR Statistics (Lisa Acencio-Employment Tracking)
- i. Rolling Start – Independent Living – Riverside County

10. The Transportation Board meets monthly at 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month (August 2, 2017) in the Art Pick Council Chamber, City Hall, 3900 Main Street.

11. Respite Event: A Night of Hope and Joy, Janet Goeske Center, July 11, 2017, between 6-8 pm (2nd Tuesday each month).

12. Mayor's Commission on Aging meets 1:00 p.m. the second Thursday of each month (July 13, 2017) in the Mayor's Ceremonial Room.

Commissioner Namazi will attend this meeting.

13. Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month (July 18, 2017) from 9:30am - 11:30am, at the Rustin Conference Center 2085 Rustin Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.
14. Riverside's Model Deaf Community Committee (MDCC), fourth Monday of the month (July 24, 2017) at 4:00 pm in the 6th Floor Small Conference Room.
13. Commission on Disabilities Report to City Council December 19, 2017

ADJOURNMENT: 7:53 pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 18, 2017.