



City of Arts & Innovation

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Chair John Krick (Virtual), Vice Chair Perkins (Virtual) and Commissioners Albert Davis, Tedra Trimm, Gilbert Lee, and Ryan Nelson

ABSENT: Sandy Tarmo and Shelly Dunston

STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Spiking

Chair Krick convened the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rich Gardner spoke on the new commemorative flag policy. He informed the Commissioners that at the City Council meeting scheduled for February 27, 2024, one of the discussion items will be for Council to consider the addition of the Disability Pride Flag to the annual commemorative flag schedule. He also informed the Commissioners that at the City Council meeting scheduled for March 12, 2024, a Proclamation will be presented recognizing March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month.

Keith Nelson spoke on the Disability Pride Flag and his support of it being added to the commemorative flag schedule. He also spoke on the importance of community involvement. He suggested that the Commission get involved with recognizing individuals in the community with various disabilities that have made a positive impact. Also, he suggested that the Commission partner with organizations that are making a difference and implement practices that enhance the workplace and encourage individuals with disabilities when joining the workforce.

PRESENTATION

RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Commission received and ordered filed the presentation from the City of Riverside Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management about emergency preparedness and the resources they offer.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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



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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2023, were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATES ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND REGIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Lee shared that he participated in Pickle Ball with the community integration group from Yes to More Life and it was a lot of fun, and he is looking forward to more activities.

Commissioner Trimm shared that she attended the Unified Athletics training which is part of the Special Olympics group, and they are working toward inclusion in schools and communities with a goal of creating an environment where everyone feels welcomed and valued. She mentioned that on March 22, 2024, there will be a Unified Athletics event held at King High School. She also mentioned on February 22, 2024, there will be a Neurodiverse Job Fair scheduled from 9am-11am at the EDD building located on Spruce Street in Riverside.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Chair Krick would like to find a way to recognize individuals in the community who have excelled despite their disabilities and have overcome barriers while also helping to improve the lives of others.

Commissioner Trimm agreed with Chair Krick and would like to plan future community events that provide various resources and information to the disabled community.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Spiking

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