



City of Arts & Innovation

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Chair John Krick, Vice Chair Tola Perkins (Virtual) and Commissioners Tedra Trimm, Shelly Dunston, Debora Mickelson, Tim Hennessey, Gilbert Lee, and Sandy Tarmo

ABSENT: No Absences

STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Spiking

Chair Krick convened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no one wishing to address the commission.

PRESENTATION

RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Commission received and filed the presentation from the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department about the Friendly Stars Program.

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 Vice Chair Perkins unable to vote due to technical difficulties at the time of the vote.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2024, were approved as presented.



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was motioned by Commissioner Tarmo and seconded by Commissioner Lee to re-elect Commissioner Perkins as Vice Chair and Commissioner Krick as Chair for the 2024-2025 term. The motion was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

REVIEW THE DRAFT OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES BROCHURE

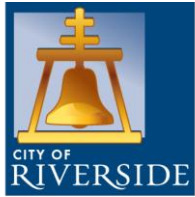
No changes or recommendations were provided by the Commissioners. Commissioner Tarmo suggested that we display these brochures at various facilities such as the Janet Goeske Senior Center.

UPDATES ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND REGIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Trimm shared that Riverside Unified School District hosted a Junior and Senior Career Day where a little under 40 different agencies from around the City of Riverside attended and it was a great successful event. Commissioner Trimm also shared that several members from Workforce Development Board and other city members have been hosting job resource fairs for the disabled community that have resulted in a great turn out. Commissioner Trimm mentioned that there is a Career Education Master Plan that members of the community have been invited to and should be a really great event.

Chari Krick spoke on a program offered by Metrolink where students can ride for free. To benefit from this program students will need to register at metrolinktrains.com. If a student is accompanied by another individual, that person will need to pay for a ticket. The student ride program will end the first week of June.

Vice Chair Perkins expressed her appreciation for a Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) employee who was operating a Dial-A-Ride bus #1182 on February 23, 2024. Vice Chair Perkins explained that the bus driver was loading two individuals who were using electric wheelchairs and the driver demonstrated patience. She commends RTA and the Dial-A-Ride for providing great services.



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ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Trimm inquired about how to start working on the projects that were outlined in the Annual Work Plan such as the resource guide or hosting a community event.

Commissioner Lee suggested the Commissioners schedule a group visit to experience Gable Farms.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Spiking

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