

**CITY OF GLENDALE
COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
PUBLIC MEETING
GLENDALE MAIN LIBRARY - BOARD ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
5959 WEST BROWN STREET
MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
6:00PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Charlson
Laura Hirsch
Karin Kellas (arrived at 6:03PM)
Terry Aramian
Joan Brainard Pinson
Robert Steiger
Shirley Galvez, Vice Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mounib Shaaban, Chairperson
John Fallucca
Raymond Yaeggi
Adonis Deniz, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT: Gilbert Lopez, Revitalization Administrator
Minerva Madrid, Revitalization Secretary
Diana Figueroa, Recording Secretary

I. Call To Order and Introductions

Chairperson Galvez called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm.

II. Roll Call

Chairperson Galvez took roll call and noted members who were present and those absent.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2011

Chairperson Galvez called for a motion on the minutes.

Commissioner Aramian made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2011. Commissioner Pinson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

IV. Business from the Floor

Chairperson Galvez called from Business from the Floor. There was none.

V. Glendale Dial-A-Ride Presentation

Ms. Cathy Colbath along with Lewis Hunt, Lead Dispatcher, provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Commission. Ms. Colbath explained the fixed route service. She said there are four local routes and four express routes, in addition to GUS (Glendale Urban Shuttle) which consists of three neighborhood circulators.

The next service is the paratransit. This includes Dial-A-Ride which operates seven days a week, 365 days a year. This service is open to anyone. An ADA rider must be certified as eligible to use this type of service. This service is more structured where a rider must call in advance to schedule a pick up and drop off. Also, there is a taxi-subsidy program available to Glendale residents, which is used for repetitive medical treatments such as dialysis, stroke or heart attack rehabilitation, or chemotherapy.

Mr. Lewis Hunt provided more details on the hours and routes of the Dial-A-Ride program. He also added more information regarding the ADA service. He said this service may be scheduled two weeks in advance but no later than 24 hours in advance. He provided the costs of each service based upon a rider's age.

Ms. Colbath stated the Park and Ride lot is used for the express bus service as well as local bus service. The lot is used by carpools, vanpoolers, and persons in SOVs. This lot is one of a kind with the use of the pervious concrete and the desert friendly landscaping.

She explained there are 525 bus stops in Glendale. There are 169 stops with shelters, 45 with benches and trash cans, 239 with trash cans only, and 79 with only a sign. Trash is picked up three times weekly and spray washed every other month.

In fiscal year 2010, there were 2,178,659 riders on the Valley Metro Fixed Routes; GUS had 116,952 riders; Dial-A-Ride/ADA had 89,808 with 4,092 participating in the Taxi Subsidy Program. The trip total was 2,389,511.

Last she displayed a map showing the Regional Transportation Plan for the valley.

Commissioner Kellas stated some people are intimidated at the thought of riding the bus. Ms. Colbath stated the city offers a class on how to ride and use the bus system in order for people to be comfortable and confident.

In response to a question from Chairperson Galvez, Ms. Colbath stated there are no gift certificates available; however, there are passes for the fixed route services.

The Commission thanked Ms. Colbath and Mr. Hunt for their time.

VI. Community Revitalization Staff Updates and Comments

Chairperson Galvez asked for staff's updates. Mr. Lopez sends Mr. Jim Colson's apologies for not being in attendance this evening. He stated Artwerks begins October 1, 2011, and on Saturday, October 8, 2011, the Fire Prevention Parade will take place down Glendale Avenue. He also stated that Staff has distributed a flyer regarding the

upcoming YWCA Health and Wellness Fair, scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2011. This is open to everyone.

XI Commission Updates

Chairperson Galvez called for Commission Updates.

She asked staff about the progress of the Glendale lofts and asked for a tour. Mr. Lopez stated he would work on this and report back to the Commission. The Commission agreed that a Friday morning tour would be best.

Commissioner Pinson attended a, Persons on Aging Committee meeting, and stated a presentation was made regarding smoking and the affects of second hand smoke. She asked if the Commission was interested in having the speaker make a presentation in the future. They agreed.

Commissioner Hirsch stated she is looking for information for the *Did You Know* portion of the website. She also hopes to add information about the ABIL upcoming evening scheduled for October 18, 2011.

With no further business, the Commission adjourned at 6:57pm.