

**City of Glendale  
Commission on Persons with Disabilities**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Glendale Main Library  
Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5959 West Brown Street**

**October 19, 2010  
6:30pm**

Members Present: Terry Aramian, Gary Charlson, Adonis Deniz, Sr., Shirley Galvez, Laura Hirsch, Karin Kellas, Robert Steiger, Raymond Yaeggi, and Mounib Shabban

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Casey Harris, ABIL

Chairperson Shabban introduced Mr. Harris to the Commission.

Mr. Harris provided the Commission with information regarding ABIL's purpose. He said ABIL, Arizona Bridge to Independent Living, provides a variety of information and assistance to people in need. Mr. Harris is the Home Modification Coordinator and explained how he assists those requesting home modification.

He said licensed contractors make revisions such as widening doorways for wheelchair bound home owners; they build ramps, add grab bars, and raise toilets or other needed modifications.

He distributed and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation. He handed out information and his business card to the Commissioners. Mr. Harris thanked the Commission as he appreciated the time this evening.

Approve of Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2010

Chairperson Shabban called for a motion. Commissioner Hirsch referred to page 2 and asked that the minutes read "Did you know" instead of "fun fact".

Commissioner Deniz asked that the spelling of his last name be corrected.

**Commissioner Hirsch made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.  
Commissioner Deniz seconded the motion, which was approved 9 to 0.**

Old business

VRATE Expo – October 29, 2010 – Sign Up sheet

Ms. Charters passed around the sign up sheet which lists the commissioners volunteering at the Disabilities' booth at the VRATE Expo which will be held at the Glendale Civic Center. Commissioners will man a booth from 9 am to 4 pm.

Access Glendale email received – Chair

Chairperson Shabban stated an email from prior chair Ricky Ray was received requesting that the disabled parking available in the adjacent city hall garage be free of charge. At a recent City Council meeting, the Council approved to allow a fee to be collected in order to park in the garages while attending any city events.

After a brief discussion, the Commission stated all the details of the approved item should be researched in order to determine whether the Commission must take action. They hoped the disabled parking is free of charge to those that display the disabled parking placard.

Commissioner Deniz suggested the Disabilities website homepage be printer friendly as it currently is not. Commissioner Hirsch stated she would work with the webmaster to see if that would be possible

The Chairperson suggested the beginning time of the meeting be changed to 6:00 pm as the library closes at 8pm rather than at 9pm due to budget cuts. Commissioner Yaeggi suggested the location be changed. Ms. Charters explained nothing could be changed at this time as the meeting location and time has been posted. It is possible to change the time and location with approval from the Government Services Committee.

Open Meeting Law – the Open Meeting Law was distributed to the Committee. Chairperson Shabban outlined some of the important guidelines regarding communications and open Meeting Law and suggested the Commissioners read and return with any questions.

#### New Business

Welcome New Commissioner - Terry Aramian – Mr. Aramian gave the Committee information about himself and stated he is looking forward to being part of the Commission.

Glendale Elderly – Commissioner Yaeggi – Commissioner Yaeggi shared an experience at an elderly care home. He expressed how unhappy he was with the lack of care given to the residents. He asked which agency is responsible for monitoring the care and the issues that take place at a care home. Commissioner Kellas suggested the Agency on Aging may be able to help in this instance.

Electric Cars – Commissioner Deniz – He explained a visit to a Glendale grocery store where the electric shopping carts were not placed near the entrances thus making it difficult for someone who needs a cart to access it. He stated he would write a letter to the store suggesting they move the carts to the front of the store and at both entrances.

He said it is inevitable when you enter through one entrance the carts are located at the other. He suggested other Commissioners to also write letters kindly pointing out this issue.

Commission Website visits and fonts – Commissioner Hirsch – She stated there is a button on the webpage when clicked on, it will give the person steps to enlarge according to the software the person uses. In addition, a public service announcement from the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has been uploaded. Also, the first “Did you know” is ready to be submitted to Ginger in Marketing to post on the website.

Website – Handicap parking “Commissioner Steiger” and Thank you letter to Thunderbird Banner “Commission Galvez” - These items will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

#### Other Business From The Floor

The Commission took a photo for the website.

Commissioner Aramian asked about disabled parking. Chairman Shabban provided a brief review of what had taken place and what continues to take place with illegal parking in the disabled parking spaces.

Commissioner Galvez reminded the Commission that this Saturday, October 23, 2010, is Neighborhood Night. This is an opportunity for the Commissioners to meet with their Council member and share any thoughts they might have.

Next Meeting – November 16, 2010

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Figueroa