

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

**Glendale Main Library
Board Room, 2nd Floor, 5959 West Brown Street**

**November 16, 2010
6:30pm**

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

Members Absent: Mounib Shabban, Chairperson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Tom Henninger, Veterans did not appear at this evening's meeting.

Approve of Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2010

Chairperson Galvez called for a motion. Commissioner Hirsch requested "agenda" be removed from the title of the minutes.

**Commissioner Aramian made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.
Commissioner Yaeggi seconded the motion, which was approved 8 to 0.**

Old Business

Open Meeting Law - The Open Meeting Law was distributed at last month's meeting and the chair asked the Commission to review and to be prepared for discussion this evening.

**Commissioner Yaeggi made a motion to continue this item to the next meeting.
Commissioner Deniz seconded the motion, which was approved 8 to 0.**

There was a brief discussion related to Basic and Advance Commission training. Ms. Charters suggested that Commissioners contact the Council Office to obtain the next training session.

Glendale Elderly - Commissioner Yaeggi stated he will have information for the Commission to discuss at the next meeting as he is meeting with management of Life Care after Thanksgiving.

**Commissioner Yaeggi made a motion to continue this item to the next meeting.
Commissioner Deniz seconded the motion, which was approved 8 to 0.**

Website - Handicapped Parking

Commissioner Steiger informed the Commission of a possible scam received through Accessglendale. There was a brief discussion on similar type scams related to handicapped parking.

Commissioner Yaeggi stated that there were parking violations at the DAV located at 61st and Northern Avenues. The police were phoned, however, they never showed up to check for the violation or violators.

Commissioner Yaeggi stated at a recent visit to Jobing.com arena at Westgate, a large amount of handicapped parking spaces had been blocked not allowing access to those needing handicapped spaces. He was informed that the spaces were blocked because the Coyotes were playing that evening and the management had the right to block those handicapped spaces.

It was suggested that the director in charge of parking at Westgate come visit the Commission to discuss these issues.

Thank You Letter to Thunderbird Banner

Chairperson Galvez stated she wrote a thank you letter to Thunderbird Banner Hospital commending them for making the revisions to the emergency room area of the hospital. In addition, she distributed a copy of this letter to the local newspapers in hopes they would pick up the story, however, to her knowledge it had not yet been published.

Chairperson Galvez stated with the city now charging for parking in the two city garages in downtown, she verified that those needed disabled parking spaces in those garages will not be charged. They will be allowed to park for free provided they have the appropriate placard.

New Business

Commission Monthly Meeting - Meeting time and 2011 Schedule

Chairperson Galvez asked if the Commission wished to meet in December or if it should be vacated and meet in January 2011. In addition, the meetings will begin at 6:00pm starting 2011.

Commissioner Aramian made a motion to vacate the December 21, 2010, meeting. Commissioner Hirsch seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 8 - 0.

VRATE Expo - discussion

Chairperson Galvez stated she attended the VRATE Expo from 1:00pm to 5:00pm and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Commissioners Hirsch and Charlson stated they spoke with two people who were interested in becoming Commissioners.

The Commission held a brief discussion regarding their experiences at the Expo.

In response to a question from one of the Commissioners, Ms. Charters stated there is no cost to the city for use of the table at the Expo.

Commissioner Kellas stated she had attended a planning meeting with CyberCILL, as she sits on their board. She stated that she attended "Day of Dignity" in Phoenix where she passed out flyers about Glendale's Commission on Persons with Disabilities. In addition, Commissioner Kellas volunteers for the Arizona Bridge of Independent Living (ABIL).

Ms. Charters suggested that those who have not visited the ABIL Offices, to do so. In addition, she displayed "The Bridge" newsletter distributed by ABIL, which is full of information including the Disabilities Commission meeting schedule.

Other Business From The Floor

Chairperson Galvez stated she would reschedule today's speaker for January.

Commissioner Yaeggi stated that the Commission business cards issued by the City were rather plain. Commissioner Deniz suggested maybe an official city ID badge could be given to the Commissioners, which looks more official.

Commissioner Hirsch stated I have the next "Did you Know" almost ready, I am still waiting for information that I asked the Transportation Dept for.

Next Meeting – January 18, 2011 at 6:00pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Figueroa