

Disability Advocacy Committee Minutes

For the regular meeting of:

January 12, 2015

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall East, 315 E. Acequia

Meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities

Present:

Chair: Jay Anderson

Vice Chair: George Curtis

Member: Don Ajluni

Member: Kathleen Papove

Member: Judi Pirnstill

Member: Vacant

Alternate (2): Vacant

Absent: Mary Wheeler, Absent Excused

Visitor: Kathleen Curtis, Shelley Jensen, Richard Rodriguez

Staff: Chris Young, Chuck Clark, Jason Huckleberry, Lupe Garcia

1. **Meeting** was called to order at 5:05 P.M. by Chair Jay Anderson
2. **Introductions & Welcome** – Shelley Jensen from Department of Rehabilitation and Richard Rodriguez from the Barnes Brain Injury Foundation.
3. **Public Comment or Written Communication:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
Approval of minutes from December 8, 2014 meeting
5. **Membership:** It was noted that Mary Wheeler was excused from attendance due to a care provider issue.
6. **Discuss and set goals for the DAC for 2015:**
Copies of the Committee's mission statement were passed out followed by a group discussion. Don Ajluni recommended that we work toward improving our community outreach effort. Jay Anderson discussed the Committee's role as advisor to the City Council. Jay discussed the fact that the City's efforts needed to be prioritized due to funding limitations. The Committee discussed and approved of the idea of the 2 or 3 month "look ahead" for items and guests for upcoming meetings.

7. Barrier Awareness Day 2015:

Don Ajluni stated that he is going to discuss “partnering” with KDHD to have our Barrier Awareness Day event in conjunction with the Health Fair and 5k Run. Don will discuss with Drew Quesnoy (head of marketing at KDHD). Rich Rodriguez will discuss the partnership opportunity with the board of the Barnes Brain Injury Foundation. Rich discussed the 5k event and how monies raised were used.

8. All Member Comments and Discussion:

George discussed his past experiences with the Department of Rehabilitation and Able Industries. Shelley Jensen noted the changes that have occurred in this Department of Rehabilitation over the last several years. Shelley gave a quick overview of her upcoming presentation for the February meeting.

Jay and George expressed that ADA upgrades were needed at the intersection of Tulare and Santa Fe. Jason and Lupe discussed the potential for interim “fixes” and the future improvements to the intersection.

Jason answered several questions regarding the Der Wienerschnitzel project at Ben Maddox and Noble.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, February 9th – Department of Rehabilitation presentation (Shelly Jensen)

Monday, March 9th - Convention Center Remodel and Upgrades (Mike Porter, Wally Roeben)