

## **Disability Advocacy Committee Minutes**

For the regular meeting of:

March 9, 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 Pirstill

**Member:** Vacant

**Alternate (2): Vacant**

**Absent:** Mary Wheeler, Absent

**Visitor:** Kathleen Curtis, Shelley Jensen, Dodie Stark

**Staff:** Chris Young, Chuck Clark, Jason Huckleberry, Lupe Garcia, Gayle Bond,  
Wally Roeben, Mike Porter, Rhonda Haynes, Devon Jones

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1. **Meeting** was called to order at 5:05 P.M. by Chair Jay Anderson.
2. **Introductions & Welcome** – Shelley Jensen.
3. **Public Comment or Written Communication:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:**  
Approval of minutes from February 9, 2015 meeting (Judi Pirstill, George Curtis)
5. **Convention Center Presentation:** Wally Roeben and Mike Porter gave a presentation on the upgrade and refresh of the Convention Center. The Convention Center was built in 1972 and this is the first remodel done in 24 years. ADA improvements will be part of the upgrade including path of travel and additional handicapped parking spaces in front of the Convention Center. Interior changes will also have ADA upgrades including bathrooms and flooring. The DAC requested updates as the remodel progresses.

6. **5 Year Consolidated Plan:** Rhonda Haynes gave an update to the Action Plan and amendment to the 2014 Action Plan. Rhonda presented a snapshot of the proposed projects and programs. The results of the Community survey will be available on September 15, 2015.
7. **All Member Comment & Discussion:** Mary Wheeler was again unable to attend due to her medical condition. She is scheduled for another surgery.

Shelley Jensen's application to be a member of the Disability Advocacy Committee was approved by the Citizen's Advisory Committee on March 4, 2015. The next step is City Council approval on April 6, 2015.

Re: Barrier Awareness Day on October 17, 2015: A meeting will be attended by George Curtis on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Anthony Center at 2:00 to gather information regarding the DAC joining in the event at the Visalia Sports Park in October.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Parks and Recreation update – Jeff Fultz