

Disability Advocacy Committee

Minutes

For the regular meeting of:

April 13, 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: Mary Wheeler

Member: Shelley Jensen

Alternate (2): Vacant

Visitor: Kathleen Curtis

Staff: Chris Young, Chuck Clark, Lupe Garcia, Gayle Bond, Chris Tavarez

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1. **Meeting** was called to order at 5:05 P.M. by Chair Jay Anderson.
 2. **Introductions & Welcome** – New member Shelley Jensen who was approved by Council on April 6th was welcomed onboard. Chris Tavarez, City Staff was welcomed. Mary Wheeler, back from medical leave, was welcomed.
 3. **Public Comment or Written Communication:** Chris Tavarez, City Staff, presented a grant application the City of Visalia will be submitting for Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants. Chris is seeking the Committee's input and suggestions. Chris provided maps and reviewed the areas under consideration. The projects were discussed and input was given.
 4. **Approval of Minutes:**
Approval of minutes from March 9, 2015 meeting (George Curtis, Kathleen Papove)
 5. **Barrier Awareness Day:** George Curtis gave an update regarding the meeting he attended with the Health Fair group. The DAC is interested in partnering with their Health Fair at Riverway Sports Park on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10:00-1:00. The group is agreeable to having our Committee and the DAT have tables at the event. George will attend their next meeting in

June and report back to our Committee. We discussed having children use wheelchairs to play basketball at the event and other disability awareness exercises during the event.

Don Ajluni stated that he could get 10 wheelchairs from Kaweah Delta Hospital for the event. We will also need flyers and some type of lunch for our participants.

6. **Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Upcoming Meetings: Monday, May 11th – Parks and Recreation update – Jeff Fultz