

Disability Advocacy Committee

Minutes

For the regular meeting of:

May 11, 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: Shelley Jensen

Member: Mary Wheeler

Alternate (2): Vacant

Absent: Judi Pirnstill

Visitor: Kathleen Curtis

Staff: Chris Young, Chuck Clark, Lupe Garcia, Gayle Bond, Jason Huckleberry, Jeff Fultz

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1. **Meeting** was called to order at 5:08 P.M. by Chair Jay Anderson.
 2. **Introductions & Welcome** – Jeff Fultz, Urban Forestry Manager, from Parks and Recreation Department was introduced.
 3. **Public Comment or Written Communication:** None
 4. **Approval of Minutes:**
Approval of minutes from April 13, 2015 meeting (Kathleen Papove, Mary Wheeler)
 5. **Parks & Recreation Update – Jeff Fultz:** : Jeff Fultz gave a power point presentation featuring Visalia's parks and how they have been updated to be more assessable. Some of the parks are 35 years old, for example Plaza Park, and have challenges for some disabled persons. These parks are not in the CDBG areas and funding is not available to update the older parks. New parks are plan checked for ADA compliance and better meet the needs for all the community.

- Don Ajluni, Member, commended Parks and Recreation for the efforts and improvements they have made.
- Jay Anderson suggested the lighting at Blain Park be improved
- George Curtis asked that the ADA parking spaces at the Recreation Department and Senior Center be updated and/or increased
- Jeff Fultz reported that the gravel parking will be improved by the end of 2015.
- Sports Park and other parks – The Committee suggested that a strip of sidewalk be added to make access to the arbors in lieu of the grass or wood carpet.
- East Side Regional Park – This park is in the planning stages and Jay Anderson, DAC Chair, is on the planning committee representing the needs of the disabled. Jay will keep the DAC current on updates regarding the new park.

6. **Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2015