

Disability Advocacy Committee

Minutes

For the regular meeting of:

October 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: Judi Pirnstill

Member: Shelley Jensen

Member: Mary Wheeler

Member: Vacant

Alternate (2): Vacant

Visitor: Kathleen Curtis

Staff: Jason Huckleberry, Lupe Garcia, Gayle Bond

1. **Meeting** was called to order at 5:05P.M. by Chair Jay Anderson.
2. **Introductions & Welcome** – Introductions, no new visitors.
3. **Public Comment or Written Communication:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of minutes from September 14, 2015 (George Curtis, Shelley Jensen)
5. **Healthy Visalia/ Barrier Awareness Day 2015:** Final discussion and planning by members for the Awareness Day booth at the Healthy Visalia event at Sports Park on Saturday, October 17th.
 - Jason Huckleberry – Bring canopy – Parks & Rec will help set up.
 - Shelley Jensen – Table, register and turn in check for the event.
 - Gayle Bond – Raffle basket and give to Jason Huckleberry before event to provide at check in.
 - Don Ajluni – Wheelchairs
 - Jay Anderson – Has remainder of supplies and props, tablecloth in City bag.
 - Jay Anderson – Bring candy & a bowl
 - Chairs – Everyone brings their own
 - Meals – Everyone pays for their own (vendors at the event)

6. **Upcoming Committee/ Commission Recognition Event:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Visalia Convention Center. Final rsvp count will be turned in to Administration on 10/13/15.
7. **Report on COS Barrier Awareness Day:** The event was successful and a discussion regarding the 211 program was brought to the Committee's attention. Our group will focus on the "211" project in the near future and possibly organize a workshop with United Way to bring complete and updated resources to the community. The City of Visalia has a list of resources on the website www.visalia.city; however, the list may not be completely accurate and needs to be updated as a result of this 211 project. Our goal is to print the 211 resources to hand out at events once it is updated.
8. The committee would still like to meet with Parks and Recreation re: the Visalia Sports Park. Jason and Chuck will coordinate a meeting in November or December.
9. The committee also inquired re: sound signals at Mooney & Meadow and the intersection at Santa Fe and Tulare. Staff will look into it.
10. Jason Huckleberry, Development Services Manager, has been officially appointed by Administration as the new Staff Representative for the Committees and Commission's Disability Advocacy Committee.
11. **Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2015