

Disability Advocacy Committee Minutes

For the regular meeting of:

February 8, 2016

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: Shelley Jensen

Member: Mary Wheeler

Member: Vacant

Alternate (2): Vacant

Absent: Judi Pirnstill, Don Ajluni

Visitor: Kathleen Curtis

Staff: Jason Huckleberry, Lupe Garcia,

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1. **Meeting** was called to order at 5:02 pm 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 January 11, 2016 (Mary Wheeler, George Curtis)
 5. **Power Point Presentation – Accessible Plan Check & Inspection – City of Visalia Staff:** Lupe Garcia, Assistant Engineer for the City of Visalia, led a detailed presentation to the committee covering current procedures for staff related to accessible plan check and inspection. The presentation discussed the specific areas staff reviews and explained what type of work the City has jurisdiction on. Committee members would like to see the City consider expanding its accessibility overview to include all commercial onsite work related to accessibility, even when permits are not required. Vice Chair Curtis specifically cited the recent site work at the Sizzler restaurant as an example of modifications that should be overseen by City plan check and inspection staff. Staff explained this would require a revision to the Municipal Code, further discussion is necessary.
 6. **Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 14th, 2016 at 707 W. Acequia Ave (City Council Chambers)