

**COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
GLENDALE MAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
5959 WEST BROWN STREET, GLENDALE, ARIZONA**

Meeting Minutes

**April 20, 2010
6:30p.m.**

Members Present: Linda Yaeger Shirley Galvez
 Raymond Yaeggi Gary Charlson
 Adonis Deniz, Sr
 Mounib Shaaban, Chair

Members Absent: Vice Chair, Danielle Bohall, excused

Staff Present: Sylvia Charters, Human Resources,

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30pm. A quorum was present.

2. Speaker(s)

Mr. Daniel Martinez, Vision Rehabilitation and Technology (VRATE) informed the Commission about the upcoming VRATE Expo to be held in October 2010 at the Glendale Civic Center. This will be the third year that this event has been hosted in Glendale. He invited the commission to participate in the event. A table is available to the Glendale Commission at no cost. He encouraged the Commissioners to inform the community of the event.

Dr Janet Boberg, Ed.d. spoke to the commission regarding the Glendale Community Emergency Response Program (CERT). Dr Boberg explained how the program works. The CERT program recently held its first successful training session. A second training session is planned for the fall. Neighbors helping neighbors during a disaster, ensuring that basic essentials such as food, water, first aid, and shelter is provided. She also stated that the high schools will be starting a Teen Cert program as well. Anyone interested in signing up for the program should contact her directly. She stated that individuals with disabilities are encouraged to participate.

Ms. Amy Hotaling, Brain Injury Association, spoke to the commission regarding the Brain Injury Association, a nonprofit organization that provides referrals, support groups, and mentors care givers and families.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2010, 2010, Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Shaaban called for a Motion.

Commissioner Yaeggi made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction on page 3. Commissioner Yaeger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

Chairperson Shaaban called for Old Business. Commissioner Shaaban informed the commission that he and former Chair, Ricki Ray were invited to review the 2009 Annual Report with the Government Services Committee. He thanked the Commission for its hard work and that the Government Services Committee is taking into consideration the commission's recommendation of increasing the fees on Handicap parking violations. The Government Services Committee thanked the Commission for its hard work and for submitting the 2009 Annual Report.

5. New Business

Commissioner Yaeger had the opportunity to meet with the city's Web Masters, Ginger Eiden and Leslie Reedy regarding updating the Commission website. The web-masters informed Commissioner Yaeger that the city's website is ADA compliant and that they could assist her in updating the website. The Annual Report along with the Frequently Asked Questions was recently added to the website.

Commissioner Yaeger, asked the Commissioners to provide her with information such as news or events on a monthly basis that could be added to the website.

Commissioner Yaeggi asked the Commission if they would like to contact HOA board members in their respective districts introducing themselves and inviting them to attend a Commission meeting. The Commissioners agreed that this would be a great way of increasing public awareness and community outreach.

Commissioner Yaeggi stated that he will provide Commissioners with a HOA list sorted by district at the next meeting.

Commissioner Galvez mentioned that she would like to create a binder relating to guest speakers. She also agreed to schedule a speaker for the June meeting.

Commissioner Yaeger suggested that they could place a calendar on the website listing guest speakers and or topics of interest. They all agreed that this would be a great idea.

6. Other Business From the Floor

Chairperson Shaaban called for Other Business From the Floor.

Commissioner Yaeggi asked if web masters could provide the commission with information regarding the number of visits the Commission website receives. He also stated that he would provide the HOA contact information by district.

Commissioner Yaeggi motioned that the commission schedule only one speaker per month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Galvez. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Deniz, informed the commission that he has a speaker in mind for the June meeting. He will give the information to Commissioner Galvez.

Commissioner Yaeger asked if the 2009 Commission Goals were to be extended over for 2010. Chairperson Shaaban stated the 2009 goals were ongoing and that a template has been created for the 2010 Annual Report. He stated that he would like more discussion at the next meeting regarding the 2010 Annual Report, community outreach and public awareness.

7. Next meeting – May, 2010

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Figueroa