

**City of Glendale
Commission on Persons with Disabilities**

Regular Meeting

**Glendale Main Library
Board Room, 2nd Floor, 5959 West Brown Street**

**March 15, 2011
6:00pm**

Members Present: Gary Charlson, Shirley Galvez, Karin Kellas, Laura Hirsch, Adonis Deniz, Sr., and Mounib Shabban, Chairperson

Members Absent: Raymond Yaeggi (excused), Terry Aramian (excused), Robert Steiger (unexcused)

Staff: Cathy Gorham, Deputy City Manager, Neighborhood and Human Services, Charyn Palmisano, Community Partnerships, Revitalization Supervisor, Sylvia Charters, Human Resources, Diana Figueroa, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00pm.

New Business

Commission Liaison – Gilbert Lopez

Mr. Lopez was out of town and unable to attend this meeting.

Chairperson Shabban explained the agenda items would be taken out of order. He said the Commission on Persons with Disabilities is currently staff by Human Resources, however, the liaison will now be a staff member from Community Partnerships. He asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Approve of Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2011

Chairperson Shabban called for a motion.

Commissioner Galvez made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Hirsch seconded the motion, which was approved 6 to 0.

Old Business

59th Avenue/Evergreen – crosswalk-update

Chairperson Shabban stated some progress has been made regarding the crosswalk located at 59th and Evergreen avenues. Commissioner Deniz stated additional fluorescent signs have been added and the crosswalk will soon be painted with gridlines. Commissioner Kellas will photograph the area and provide the Commissioners with before and after pictures.

Commissioner Hirsch reminded the Commission that pictures of the corner of 47th and Olive avenues still need to be taken. She stated she would take care of this.

Ms. Charters asked the Commission to provide her with any areas of the city where they feel a pedestrian bridge is needed. Currently, the Transportation Department is soliciting information in an attempt to obtain federal grant monies for pedestrian bridges in high pedestrian areas of the city. She said the deadline is March 17, 2011.

Glendale Elderly -
Commissioner Yaeggi was not in attendance.

Website – 2010 visits

Chairperson Shabban wished to thank Commissioner Hirsch publically for all her work on the Disabilities' webpage.

Commissioner Deniz stated that he felt the Glendale website has more information than other jurisdictions and that this website is very informative. This is the best website he has seen from this state.

Commissioner Deniz also provided Commissioner Hirsch with a few agency names to be added to the website, once verified.

Commissioner Hirsch asked if Commissioner Yaeggi had emailed his information for the “Did You Know”. Chairperson Shabban said no, and suggested she email him.

New Business

2010 Annual Report

Chairperson Shabban commended Commissioner Hirsch for her commitment on the Annual Report. He read through the 2010 Annual Report.

Commissioner Galvez verified that a final copy would be distributed to each Commissioner. Chairperson Shabban said yes.

The Chair stated this item will be voted upon at next month's meeting.

Other Business From The Floor

Commissioner Hirsch displayed “Eyes of Glendale”; a newsletter published by the Police Department and suggested the Commission obtain space in order to advise its readers about disabled parking.

Commissioner Kellas stated she received very valuable information from ABIL and she would like to share it with the Commission, as well as place it on the website. The Commission was eager to receive the information. Commissioner Hirsch felt this might have good information for the “Did You Know” portion on the website.

Chairperson Shabban reminded the Commission if they have any speakers that would speak at a Commission meeting, to provide Commissioner Galvez with the contact information as she coordinates the speakers.

Next Meeting – April 19, 2011 at 6:00pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Figueroa