

**CITY OF GLENDALE, ARIZONA
COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
LIBRARY BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR
5959 WEST BROWN STREET**

**MEETING MINTUES
MAY 17, 2010
6:30pm.**

Members Present: Shirley Galvez
Raymond Yaeggi
Gary Charlson
Danielle Bohall, Vice Chair
Mounib Shaaban, Chair
Laura Travis

Members Absent: Linda Yaegar, unexcused
Adonis Deniz, excused

Staff Present: Sylvia Charters, Human Resources

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35pm. A quorum was present.

Chairperson Shaaban introduced Ms. Alice Ghereib from the Doves Program for Elder Rights, as this evening's guest speaker.

2. Speaker

Ms. Alice Ghereib presented a video called the "Dance" describing the issues of domestic violence and its effect on the senior population. She stated the Doves Program for Elder Rights was a domestic violence support group that provides education and the necessary support for victims of domestic violence who are 50 and older. She indicated this group was formed specifically to address issues of late life domestic violence victims since most victims encounter religious, cultural and lack of family support. Support groups can be found throughout Maricopa County, in East, Central and West Valley, including the Sun City area. The agency also provides for emergency housing after victims of domestic violence often need to leave their homes. Transitional housing was also developed because victims of late life domestic violence return to their abusers due to lack of options. Ms. Ghereib shared two inspiring stories of women who beat the odds of

domestic violence and became successful and happy in their later years. Ms. Ghreib passed out a survey form and asked for feedback on her presentation.

Chairperson Shaaban thanked Ms. Ghreib for a very informative presentation. Commissioner Galvez expressed her concern for the senior population and was thankful there was a program in place where they can receive support.

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

Chairperson Shaaban called for a Motion.

Commissioner Charlson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2010, Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Commissioner Yaeggi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Old Business**

Chairperson Shaaban called for Old Business.

Website

Chairperson Shaaban explained that Commissioner Yaeger was not here today, however, the website program will move forward with a new design. At the previous meeting, it was reported that Commissioner Yaeger had the opportunity to meet with the city's Web Masters, Ginger Eiden and Leslie Reedy regarding updating the Commission's website. The Annual Report along with the Frequently Asked Questions was recently added to the website.

Commissioner Yaeger had requested the Commissioners provide her with information on a monthly basis to add to the website.

Community Outreach

Commissioner Yaeggi provided an information contact list, sorted by district, with names and numbers of HOA board members in their respective districts. He stated the idea was for each Commissioner to establish contact and invite interested parties to attend a Commission meeting to learn about the many opportunities the disable community has in the City of Glendale. He distributed a sample greeting speech that each member could use when first calling an HOA member.

The Commissioners all agreed this was a great way to start increasing public awareness and community outreach. Chairperson Shaaban thanked Commissioner Yaeggi for all his hard work on this item.

Commissioner Galvez reiterated her intent to create a binder relating to guest speakers. She is also actively looking for a guest speaker for the June meeting. She will also be in charge of sending thank you notes to each speaker. She expressed an interest in having past minutes available at each meeting in order to refer back to an issue.

Chairperson Shaaban explained that each member (has access to the minutes as it is provided via e mail and in print). It would be helpful for each member to have the minutes for the last meeting available for reference.

Accessibility – New Restaurants

Chairperson Shaaban discussed new restaurant accessibility for the disabled community (and the needs to update the list in the web site. In the past commissioners provided a list of new restaurants in the Glendale area and the marketing departments sent a letter regarding accessibility for the disabled at their restaurants. He stated that all new restaurants must be accessible and meets ADA rules and regulations. He noted that the city might have a list of new restaurants in the area that can be used, saving the leg work. Ms. Sylvia Charters, Human Resources Department, stated she would be happy to look into it, however, believes they do have a list in the Planning Department. She suggested talking to the marketing department about them sending new restaurants a letter, on behalf of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, regarding accessibility for the disabled at their restaurants. She noted this would take the Commission out of the loop, thus, making it a more efficient project. Everyone agreed.

Chairperson Shaaban stated it was a great idea and puts them a bit closer to their annual Commission goals for the year. He asked Vice Chair Bohall to review past minutes from this year and gather information on goals that have been completed or were in progress. This information will be compiled for the annual year report. Vice Chair Bohall was in full agreement.

Chairperson Shaaban reported on two upcoming meetings regarding public transportation reductions that might affect the disabled community. The two meetings are scheduled for (May 19, 2010 at the Glendale city council chamber start at 5.30 to 7.15) and May 24, 2010 at the Disability Empowerment Center, starting at 1:00pm. (Chairperson Shaaban encourages every one to attend if possible.)

Commissioner Galvez discussed an unfortunate incident that happen to her when taking her mother to the emergency room at Thunderbird Hospital. She explained she had a horrible experience while taking her mother to the restroom facilities in the older part of the hospital. She indicated the restrooms were not very accessible to the disabled and had a very hard time maneuvering in the small space available. She made hospital staff aware of the problem. Chairperson Shaaban suggested sending a letter to the hospital outlining her concerns. He noted that older parts of hospitals do have accessibility problems, however, since they have been grandfathered into the system.

5. New Business

Chairperson Shaaban called for New Business.

New Commissioner

The Commissioners welcomed New Commission member Laura Travis from the Cactus district to the Commission.

VRATE Expo

The 14th Annual Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo will be held at the Glendale Civic Center, on Friday, October 29, 2010, from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Chairperson Shaaban asked for volunteers to work the table at the entrance. He encouraged everyone to participate and sign up to man the table.

ABIL Fair Update

Chairperson Shaaban explained that Commissioner Deniz was not in attendance to make his presentation on this item. However, this item will be on the agenda for the next CPD meeting.

6. Other Business From the Floor

Chairperson Shaaban called for Other Business from the floor.

Chairperson Shaaban thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He asked Commission members to e-mail Ms. Charters with any new items they would like to discuss at the meetings.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 6:30p.m. at the 2nd Floor Board Conference Room, Glendale Public Library, 5959 West Brown Street, Glendale, Arizona.

Adjournment

As there were no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary, Estella Ramos