

**CITY OF GLENDALE, ARIZONA
COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**LIBRARY BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR
5959 WEST BROWN STREET**

**MEETING MINTUES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Adonis Deniz Sr.
Laura Hirsch
Robert Steiger
Gary Charlson
Karin Kellas
Shirley Galvez, Vice Chairman
Mounib Shaaban, Chairman

Members Absent: Raymond Yaeggi, excused
Terry Aramian, excused

Staff Present: Sylvia Charters, Human Resources

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:33 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Guest Speaker

Ms. Kim Larson, Public Information Office with the city's Marketing Department, introduced herself. She provided a brief overview for the Commission. She explained some of the functions of the Marketing Department. Ms. Larson stated each staff member is at the Commission's disposal and each is willing to help work on any proposed projects to help improve them.

Chairperson Shaaban asked for the best way to communicate with the Marketing Department. Ms. Larson stated by email or to contact Ms. Charters. She also said she would be happy to return to a meeting if needed.

Chairperson Shaaban asked what, if any, budget is available to market and promote resources to the disabled community in Glendale. Ms. Larson explained there is no budget available at the time. Each department would be responsible for covering costs of advertising or marketing.

Ms. Larson added that although advertising is done at cost, editorials are free. This would be a story generated by the city to benefit the city or citizens. This would be done by contacting a reporter at The Glendale Star.

Commissioner Deniz complimented the city of Glendale website in comparison to other cities websites. He also asked for business cards.

Ms. Charters stated that the Commission has a supply of business cards available and they should contact her if they need a supply of cards.

Ms. Larson added that Marketing will gladly help or design any items needed. She distributed her business card to each of the Commission members. Commissioner Shaaban thanked Ms. Larson for her time and input.

The Commission had a discussion with regard to the budget, or lack of. The Commission was instructed that they are able to solicit donations for the cost of printing flyers for any upcoming events. These flyers would be advertisement to make the public and citizens aware of the Commission and the resources that it provides.

Danielle Bohall, Plaque presentation – Chairperson Shaaban announced the Ms. Bohall is unable to attend this evening’s meeting and that her plaque would be mailed to her home address.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Chairperson Shaaban called for a Motion.

Commissioner Charlson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2010, Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Commissioner Hirsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

Chairperson Shaaban called for Old Business.

Website Update – Commissioner Hirsch

Commissioner Hirsch provided an update on the website. She asked the Commission for feedback as to what they would like to see. Commissioner Denis announced that his name was misspelled. Also, the Marketing Department is always able to help make improvements. Commissioner Hirsch said that a picture of the group will be added when all the Commissioners are present. She also stated that a ‘Did You Know’ could be added to the website in the future.

Ms. Charters suggested that each Commissioner bring a 'fun fact' to each meeting that could be added to the website.

Polling Site Inspections

Chairperson Shaaban stated that everyone is expected to participate when this duty is given to the Commission again. In the past, the Commission has been very helpful in ensuring the polling places are accessible to all disabled persons. Chairperson Shaaban delivered a special thanks to commissioners Hirsch and Denis for their timely effort to finish the inspection this summer.

2010 VRATE

There will be a table designated for the Commission at the VRATE event. There is a sign up sheet for the Commissioners to participate by manning a table.

Ms. Charters stated she would assist with the Banner and hand-outs. She suggested that two people be at the table at any given time. She suggested that the Commissioners introduce themselves, distribute their business cards, and distribute information regarding the Commission role and their resources.

Annual Report

Chairperson Shaaban stated that the Commission had made a recommendation to the Government Services Committee regarding increasing the fine for illegal parking in handicap parking spaces. Unfortunately, the Council has taken no action nor has responded. He felt this was disappointing, however, the Commission should continue to pursue this very important issue.

Chairperson Shaaban suggested each Commissioner remind their Council member about this issue.

Chairperson Shaaban asked for a volunteer to organize the minutes from previous Commission minutes in preparation for the 2010 Annual Report. Ms. Charters suggested that someone organize the minutes and use the 2009 Annual Report template.

Commissioner Hirsch volunteered to assist with the 2010 Annual Report.

Vice Chair Galvez reminded the Commissioners that in the event they come across a situation where a building or improvements are needed for accessibility, to feel free to write a letter. She described a recent visit to Banner Thunderbird Hospital and she also distributed a letter she received from them. Although they were in compliance with the

ADA laws, Banner Thunderbird immediately made additional changes after receiving the letter from Commissioner Galvez. The changes will help the disabled community.

5. New business

Chairperson Shaaban called for New Business.

He introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Karin Kellas.

6. Other Business from the Floor

Chairperson Shaaban called for Other Business from the floor.

Vice Chairperson Galvez stated that Casey Harris with ABIL will be the speaker at the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Glendale Commission on Persons with Disabilities will be held Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at 6:30 p.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 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary, Diana Figueroa