



Minutes

**Regular Meeting
Accessibility and Disability Commission
Tuesday, August 24, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Cy Estabrook, James Farr, Casey Jagusch, Andrea Jennings, Sharon Rogers, Martin Sweeney, Michael Warner II, Mark Waterson

Commissioners Absent: Danielle Friberg (excused)

Staff Present: Ali Everett, Tamer Sabha

1. Call to order

Chair Farr called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

2. Roll call

Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

3. Public comments

None

4. Approval of minutes

After review, it was moved (Warner II) and seconded (Estabrook) to approve the Minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting. (Motion carried)

In Favor: Farr, Jennings, Estabrook, Waterson, Jagusch, Rogers, Warner II

Abstain: Sweeney

5. New business

• Recognition of Robert Gorski Access Award recipient Donna Pomerantz

The Commission recognized Donna Pomerantz as the inaugural recipient of the Robert Gorski Access Award. Ms. Pomerantz thanked the Commission and commented on the importance of accessibility in the Pasadena community.

• Presentation about housing programs and services for individuals with disabilities – Jim Wong (Senior Project Manager, Housing Department) and Jennifer O'Reilly-Jones (Homeless Programs Coordinator, Housing Department)

The Commission received a presentation from the Housing Department about housing programs and services for people with disabilities. Questions from the Commission followed.

In response to questions about programs and services for individuals with disabilities experiencing homelessness, the Housing Department staff offered to present information about the results of the “2022 Point-in-Time Homeless Count” once they are available.

6. Old business

• **Commission work plan updates and discussion**

After discussion, it was moved (Rogers) and seconded (Sweeney) to approve the work plan updates as discussed. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Farr, Jennings, Estabrook, Waterson, Jagusch, Rogers, Warner II, Sweeney

7. Reports/comments from the Chair

None

8. Comments from Commissioners

None

9. Staff comments

Staff (Everett) provided the following comments:

- National Disability Employment Awareness Month, which occurs annually in October, will be recognized with a proclamation at the City Council meeting on Monday, October 4;
- The History of the Accessibility and Disability Commission and Robert Gorski Access Award is available on the Commission’s webpage;
- At its meeting on Monday, August 16, the City Council approved using American Rescue Plan funds for Capital Improvement Projects previously approved and budgeted prior to the pandemic, including \$2.0 million for the annual ADA Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Improvements projects; and
- Staff (Everett) is collaborating with the Public Works Department to identify 70 curb ramp installation locations for the FY 2022 CIP Curb Ramp Improvement project and will provide an update to the Transportation and Public Rights-of-Way ad hoc committee prior to the Commission’s September meeting.

10. Upcoming meeting agenda items

None

11. Adjournment

It was moved (Waterson) and seconded (Jagusch) to adjourn the regular meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

/s/ James Farr

James Farr, Chair
Accessibility & Disability Commission

/s/ Tamer Sabha

Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department