



Minutes
Regular Meeting
Accessibility and Disability Commission
Tuesday, July 25, 2023
5:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Janie Lynn Heinrich, Patricia Herrera, Andrea Jennings, Andrea Totten, Michael Warner II

Commissioners Absent: Casey Jagusch (excused)

Staff Present: Tsega Selassie and Lola Osborne

1. Call to order

Chair Jennings called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

2. Roll call

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

3. Public comments for items not on the agenda

None

4. New business

- **Recognition of 2023 Robert Gorski Access Award recipient E.R. Ruiz**
Chair Jennings congratulated E.R. Ruiz on being the recipient of the 2023 Robert Gorski Access Award and acknowledged his contributions as an advocate for burn survivors. Mr. Ruiz expressed his appreciation on being selected as the recipient of the award and shared information about the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation.

5. Old business

- **Chair to appoint Parliamentarian for FY 2023-2024**
Chair Jennings appointed Commissioner Totten to serve as Parliamentarian for FY 2023- 2024.

- **Discussion and approval of the Accessibility and Disability Commission Work Plan and Presentation Calendar for FY 2023-2024**
After discussion, it was moved (Warner II) and seconded (Herrera) to approve the Accessibility and Disability Commission Work Plan and Presentation Calendar for FY 2023 – 2024, as discussed. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Jennings, Totten, Herrera, Warner II, Heinrich
Absent: Jagusch

6. Reports/comments from the Chair

Chair Jennings made the following comments:

- July is Disability Pride Month and encouraged the Commission to attend an educational or community event to celebrate Disability Pride.
- She will be assisting at the commission table at Assemblymember Chris Holden’s Annual Community Resource Fair and Block Party on Saturday, August 5, 2023, from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00P.M. She encouraged the Commission to attend the event and invite family and friends to attend as well.

7. Comments from Commissioners

None

8. Staff comments

Staff (Selassie) provided the following comment:

- Parks After Dark activities are currently offered every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening for all ages from July 6 – August 5, at various parks in Pasadena and distributed the event flyer with the schedule of activities.


9. Upcoming meeting agenda items

- Introduction of Sara Goldman as the Acting Accessibility and Disability Coordinator

10. Adjournment

It was moved (Heinrich) and seconded (Herrera) to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 P.M.


Andrea Jennings, Chair
Accessibility and Disability Commission


Jane Whitmore, Recording Secretary
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services
Department