

CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED
MINUTES
September 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramon Galvez-Arango called the Regular Meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Disabled to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Herman Ajamian, John Borack, Terry Coakley, Ramon Galvez-Arango, Lawrence Judson, Jon Mayer, Tom Nguyen, Philip Nisco, Susanne Seiden and Jan Werts.

Others Present: Guests; Bob Peg and Debbie Paul. Also present: Mayor John Collins and city liaison, Nora Webb.

Members Absent: Anna Nagmay, and Gary Osterback.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member John Borack requested a correction to the minutes; Gary Osterbach's name was spelled incorrectly. Vice Chairperson Lawrence Judson moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2017 as corrected. Second by Committee Member Philip Nisco. Motion carried 10-0 in favor of approving the minutes as corrected.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ONGOING BUSINESS

A. Report from Subcommittee on Recreation Programs

Committee Member Jan Werts reported that we had 103 attendees at the dance held on Friday, August 4, 2017, which was a large increase from the last dance. She mentioned that the increased participation may be due to the Regional Center who put a copy of the dance flyer on their website. She thanked all those who assisted at the dance. Committee Member Jan Werts also reported that we are in good shape for prizes at this time thanks to Terry Coakley and that the next dance will be held on Friday, October 6, 2017 and will have a Halloween theme.

B. Disability Friendly Business Awards

The Disability Friendly Business Awards was discussed. There was one application received from the Braille Institute in Anaheim, CA. Since the participants and business must be from Fountain Valley, CA, the application was not valid; it was decided not to award the one applicant we received this year. There was discussion on how to move forward; a new committee to look at the program will be headed by Committee Member Philip Nisco.

Public Comments

None

Committee Comments

Committee Member Terry Coakley mentioned that she was happy to see Community Services Director Rob Frizzelle at the county emergency management meeting. Committee Member Terry Coakley sent the article "Congress Wants to Change the Americans With Disabilities Act and Undermine the Civil Rights of People With Disabilities" to staff to share with the committee about proposed changes in ADA laws. Chairperson Ramon Galvez-Arango thanked Terry for the good information and for bringing the information to our forum, and mentioned that Terry was a wonderful resource and thanked her for her continued efforts.

Chairperson Ramon Galvez-Arango commented on Jake Olson, the young man who is blind and a long snapper for the USC football team. Committee Member Philip Nisco added that his son was Jake Olson's orthodontist.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Advisory Committee for the Disabled, Committee Member Tom Nguyen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm with a second by Committee Member Herman Ajamian.

Minutes Submitted by Nora B.K. Webb