

**COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
GLENDALE MAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
5959 WEST BROWN STREET, GLENDALE, ARIZONA**

Meeting Minutes

**January 19, 2010
6:30p.m.**

Members Present: Margaret Kulp Linda Yaeger
 Raymond Yaeggi Gary Charlson
 Danielle Bohall Mounib Shaaban, Vice Chairperson

Members Absent: Gerald Zastrow, unexcused, Robert Muth excused, Shirley Galvez, excused, and Ricki Ray, Chairperson, excused.

Staff Present: Sylvia Charters, Human Resources, and Diana Figueroa, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order and Welcome

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

2. Speaker

Mr. David Seid, Manager of the Glendale Adult Center and Citywide Adaptive Programming, introduced himself and provided background information regarding his position at the Adult Center. He began with a presentation to the Commission.

Mr. Seid began by providing the location of the facility. He described some of the adaptive programs offered such as Bowling, held at Glenfair Lanes and the Hip Hop Art Stop, which began in the fall of 2007. He said Theatre Kids, Young Athletes, and Sandlot Sports were all started in 2008. Family Fun Night began in the fall of 2009. He gave a brief description of each event for the Commission.

Mr. Seid continued by stating the City of Glendale has cooperative programs with the City of Peoria. Those programs are Special Olympics Softball, Challenger Little League, Dances, Field Trips, Summer Luau, bingo Extravaganza, and Meet & Greets. He explained each program briefly.

Mr. Seid said there is an Adaptive Advisory Committee which meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Adult Center. He said this Committee was developed out of concern regarding adaptive opportunities in Glendale. Its inaugural meeting was in September 2007. At their monthly meetings, there are

discussions of challenges and opportunities in adaptive programming. He said the Committee consists of parents, staff, and educators in the community. He welcomed anyone interested to please participate.

He asked the Commission for their questions.

Commissioner Bohall stated that she is very active in the Adaptive Programs. She said it is difficult to distribute information regarding these excellent programs to the schools. It is difficult to receive approval in order to distribute flyers, brochures, or handouts regarding these programs.

3. **Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2009, Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Shaaban called for a Motion.

Commissioner Yaeger made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Yaeggi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Old Business**

Chairperson Shaaban asked for discussion regarding disabled parking at the stadium and the related correspondence, which was distributed.

Commissioner Bohall said at the last meeting she was sure there must have been an oversight regarding an experience shared by one of the Commissioners. She then shared her own experience where she had contacted the representatives of the Stadium prior to attending an NFL game. She was instructed as to where to park and there would be cart transportation offered to only those persons in need, her son. She stated once arriving at the game; the disabled parking was located farthest away from the most convenient entrance. There was no cart to drive her son to the door and therefore, he had to walk to the entrance on crutches. She stated there was a cart that drove by them and offered no help. The driver stated he was not allowed to transport anyone. Luckily, as they continued there was someone in a cart that was willing to transport her son.

The Commission had a brief discussion about parking issues at the Stadium and the Arena.

Ms. Charters stated a representative in the Police Department is looking into these issues. She asked Commissioner Bohall to submit in writing her experience. Ms. Charters stated that traffic control, as she understands, is through the Police Department as well as the venue.

5. **New Business**

Chairperson Shaaban read into the record a letter of received from a citizen regarding a disability issue. The author explained the City of Surprise has an advocate assigned to disability issues. Ms. Charters explained the City of Glendale does not have a paid employee such as Surprise, and therefore, relies on the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Ms. Charters continued to say the City of Glendale's 911 divisions has been trained to take phone calls through the use of the TTY system. However, a person that can speak but cannot hear should be educated and should tell the operator immediately of their situation. These persons should have an information card near their phone and should provide basic information such as the type of emergency, location, and those involved.

Ms. Charters brought forward information regarding a request to add a particular website to the Disabilities' webpage. She asked for the Commission to review and respond back to the Commission.

Chairperson Shaaban stated the Annual Report is not yet available. He hoped that it would be completed and distributed for discussion at next month's meeting. Chairperson Shaaban explained that through the Annual Report, the Commission can share its accomplishments, recommendations, and concerns with the City Council.

6. Other Business from the Floor

Chairperson Shaaban asked the guests to introduce themselves. Mr. Adonis Deniz introduced himself and stated he will be joining the Commission as the newest commissioner beginning next month.

Tom and Jan Myers introduced themselves and stated they were friends of Commissioner and Mrs. Charlson.

Chairperson Shaaban thanked them for attending.

7. Next meeting – February 16, 2010

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Figueroa