

**CITY OF GLENDALE
COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
PUBLIC MEETING
GLENDALE MAIN LIBRARY – BOARD ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
5959 W. BROWN STREET
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mounib Shaaban, Chair
Shirley Galvez, Vice Chair
Joan Brainard Pinson
Gary Charlson
Laura Hirsch
Karin Kellas
John Fallucca
Terry Aramian
Deniz Adonis Sr.
Raymond Yaeggi
Robert Steiger (arrived at 7:00pm)

STAFF PRESENT:

Charyn Palmisano, Revitalization Supervisor
Paul Li, Assistant City Attorney
Christina Parry, Assistant City Attorney
Minerva Madrid, Revitalization Secretary
Diana Figueroa, Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Shaaban called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Chairperson Shaaban took roll call and all members were present.

III. Guest Speakers

The Chair stated there are two guest speakers in attendance this evening to address the Commission. He introduced Drs. Abraham Lieberman, M.D. and Ina Lieberman, M.D.

Dr. Abraham Lieberman introduced his wife, Dr. Ina Lieberman and himself. Dr. Lieberman said he is the Director of the Muhammad Ali Parkinson's Center at

Barrow Neurological Hospital. He said he became interested in neurology because he had been diagnosed with polio at the young age of six. He provided the Commission with interesting facts and figures relating to Parkinson's disease. He added he is friends with Muhammad Ali, who was also one of his patients.

Dr. Lieberman explained details of the Parkinson's disease. He said in a city, such as Phoenix, there are approximately 20,000 residents with Parkinson's disease. He said there are surgeries and drugs to slow the progression of Parkinson's; however, there is no cure for it. Parkinson's is thought to be a disease of older people when, in fact, that isn't always the case.

The Commission thanked the doctors for taking time to speak with them.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2011

Chairperson Shaaban asked for changes to the minutes.

Chairperson Shaaban confirmed that Glendale Elderly should be removed from the minutes.

Chairperson Shaaban stated the Annual Report was not distributed to the Commission. He believes this was an oversight due to the transition of the Commission from the Human Resources Department to the Community Revitalization Division. He stated staff should distribute the Annual Report and the Commission will take action at the May 17, 2011 meeting.

Chairperson Shaaban called for a motion.

Commissioner Yaeggi made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2011, meeting with revisions. Commissioner Aramian seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

V. Business from the Floor

There was no business from the floor.

VI. Introduction of New Commissioners and Reappointed Commissioner

Mr. John Fallucca and Mrs. Joan Brainard Pinson were introduced. Both Commissioners provided information about themselves. In addition, the Chair stated that Commissioner Shirley Galvez was reappointed.

VII. Update Open Meeting Law:

Mr. Paul Li, Assistant City Attorney, provided a brief presentation regarding the Arizona Open Meeting law. Mr. Li asked the Commission to please contact the Attorney's Office for guidance if they are ever in need. He reviewed the definition of a public body, guidelines for subcommittees, and conflict of interest. Mr. Li introduced Christina Parry, Assistant City Attorney, who is the designated attorney to the Disabilities Commission.

VIII. 2010 Annual Report:

Chairperson Shaaban explained there was an oversight and the Report was not distributed, however, he indicated the Report will be distributed to each member and will be added to the May agenda for approval.

IX. Westgate Handicapped Parking Issues:

Commissioner Yaeggi stated the issues still continue. He said no one appears to take responsibility for the disabled parking spaces being blocked off for motorcycle parking during events at the arena. Staff Liaison, Charyn Palmisano, stated staff could arrange to speak with the manager of Westgate, who could explain why this continues to take place. She said staff will check into this issue and return to the Commission with information. The Commission questioned who is enforcing the parking at Westgate, which is private property. Ms. Palmisano said this should be enforced by the Police Department and will check into the matter.

Commissioner Kellas provided an update regarding the 59th Avenue and Evergreen crosswalk. She said the signs have been added to the crossing area, yet the crosshatches have not been painted. Commissioner Galvez asked for a picture of the crosswalk to be brought into the Commission. She said this issue has been discussed repeatedly yet no pictures have been provided for the Commission to view. Ms. Palmisano stated she would contact the Streets Department to check on the status of the painting as well as bringing in aerials for the Commission to view.

X. Other Business From The Floor:

Ms. Palmisano provided an update to the Commission regarding the increase in parking violation fees. She stated at this time a study is required by the

Government Services Committee (GSC) regarding the possibility of increasing the fees. The GSC stated they would require at least three months to gather information regarding how this change would affect the budget. She reminded the Commission if fees were increased many changes would need to take place, which include a cost. She said parking signs would need to be removed, revised and reposted, parking tickets would need to be reprinted, just to name a few. In addition, ordinances would need to be approved by the City Council if the fees were increased. This would be a very involved process.

Commissioner Hirsch asked that Eyes of Glendale be added to next agenda. This is a flyer distributed by the City of Glendale Police Department.

The Chair stated he would like to present previous staff liaison Ms. Sylvia Charters next month and asked this item be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Hirsch stated the new “Did You Know” is on the Web page.

Ms. Palmisano distributed her contact information to the Commission which included email addresses and phone numbers for the Neighborhood and Human Services Department.

XI. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary
Diana Figueroa