

City of Glendale
Commission on Persons with Disabilities
Westgate City Center
9380 W. Westgate BLVD Suite D-109
Saturday, July 13, 2013
8:00a.m.

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hirsch at approximately 8:00 am.

II. Roll Call

Chairperson Hirsch, Vice Chair Falluca, Lesser, Kumar, and Mander were present. Vice Chairperson Falluca exited the meeting at 8:45am and returned at 10:15 am. Commissioner Hoerner was absent and excused. Staff in attendance was Lori Bye, Parks and Recreation Manager, Erik Strunk, Executive Director, Mike Gregory, Parks and Recreation Manager, Michelle Yates, Acting Senior Recreation Coordinator, Roma Sanchez, Parks and Recreation Leader, and Angie Wilkie, Neighborhood Services Coordinator.

III. Business from the Floor

Chairperson Hirsch called for Business from the Floor. There was none.

IV. Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden

Chair Hirsch introduced the item with the purpose of the workshop to develop a strategy to begin the revitalization of the Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden. Mike Gregory, Parks and Recreation Manager, reviewed the key items the Commission discussed at the June 18, 2013 Commission meeting regarding the garden. Mr. Gregory also gave information about the garden's values and issues. The Commission completed a needs assessment exercise to address issues at the garden. Michelle Yates, Acting Senior Recreation Coordinator explained the "Partners 'N Parks" program and fund raising opportunities. The Commission discussed the importance of community input for the renovation projects. The Commission agreed to provide services for the garden including events such as an open house format to engage the community, garden maintenance and renovation, fund raising opportunities and a grand re-opening dedication event for the Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden. Angie Wilkie, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, presented several volunteer events that currently occur year-round in the City of Glendale by volunteers and sponsors. Ms. Wilkie provided community resources for the Commission to look into for assistance with this project such as neighborhood groups, businesses, churches and schools.

Staff will return with a timeline for Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden project, a Commission priority needs assessment, and work plan for the fall community involvement event.

V. Revisions to the Commission FY12/13 Work Plan

Tabled until the August 20, 2013 meeting.

IX. Adjournment

The workshop was adjourned at 10:50 am. The next meeting will be held on August 20, 2013.