

Chairperson Ray stated that there is a grant request being written to request funds for accessible trails at the Thunderbird Conservation Park. At this time, Ms. Paula Moloff, Grants Coordinator, will be asking the Commission for assistance in order to compose this grant request. She said currently there are no accessible trails available at this park.

Parking

Commissioner Heffley had no report.

Technology

Commissioner Hendrix was absent from this meeting, but Chairperson Ray stated he was working on recategorizing the links on the Disabilities' webpage.

4. New Business
2009 Goals

Chairperson Ray introduced Mr. Jim Brown, Assistant Director, and Ms. Janice Pitts, Deputy Director, from the Human Resources Department. She stated they are in attendance in order to assist the Commission in establishing its 2009 Goals.

Mr. Brown stated he appreciates the Commission for all they do. He provided some background information to the Commission and explained what would take place this evening. He asked the Commission to help establish the following:

- a) Review Roles and Responsibilities
- b) Review Council Vision / Goals
- c) 2008 / 2009 Summary
- d) 2009 / 2010 Opportunities / Barriers
- e) 2009 / 2010 Goals
- f) Priorities

Ms. Pitts explained and reviewed the Council vision and goals that are listed on the website. She explained the Commission's goals and vision should be in line with the Council's goals and vision. She reviewed those goals.

Commissioner Shaaban stated a connection with public safety for all citizens. He said safe crosswalks, etc.

Commissioner Bohall agreed and said quality services must be provided.

Commissioner Koehler stated strong neighbors are important as without a strong neighborhood environment people are left out on their own.

Commissioner Jackson stated a community must be fiscally sound.

Mr. Brown summed this portion by listing "one community" was important to this Commission.

Mr. Brown asked what the Commission accomplished last year. He asked to for a 2008 / 2009 Summary which included:

- 1) Polling place inspections
- 2) Outreach to the community through the mini grant program
- 3) Website / technology improvements
- 4) Responded to citizen inquires received through the website
- 5) Consulted and assisted the NFL for the Superbowl
- 6) Assisted Global Spectrum with its volunteer wheelchair program
- 7) *AccessGlendale* information pamphlet through the website and print
- 8) *Provided input into planning of downtown garage*

Mr. Brown asked about areas that needed improvement.

Commissioner Koehler noted that the outreach program needed improvement. He suggested outreach through KGLN, Channel 11, bulletins and/or mailings.

Commissioner Kulp stated the enforcement of violators parking in handicapped spaces is lacking. She believes there are not enough handicapped spaces as well.

Commissioner Bohall stated more opportunities are needed for disabled children. She explained that when trying to distribute information regarding the recent adaptive program she was met with resistance. She said the schools were uncooperative and set up barriers. They were unwilling to distribute or display the information regarding the program.

Commissioner Heffley stated the Commission provided input regarding the new downtown garage.

The Commission appreciated this opportunity. They also noted they are kept informed of opportunities where their input may be needed and the chance to comment.

Mr. Brown asked the Commission for suggestions regarding future opportunities or the 2009 / 2010 Opportunities / Barriers.

Opportunities

- a) Continue to improve the website to assist the handicapped community
- b) Find funding for Mini Grants Program
- c) Publicity – continue to improve publicity to the residents of the city
- d) Get involved in Neighborhoods or G.A.I.N., get to know your Council
- e) Continue the Online Survey located on the Disabilities webpage

Barriers:

- a) Funding for Mini Grants Program

- b) Enforcement regarding handicapped parking violators, Police Department assistance
- c) Apathy of community
- d) Communication – lack of strategy and lack of communication

Commissioner Galvez shared information regarding her role as a Block Watch Captain. She explained this is a wonderful opportunity to network and become familiar with your neighbors. She stated that Councilmember Clark is always willing to listen to the neighbors and their concerns.

Commissioner Koehler stated Councilmember Frate is also very involved with his constituents and he hosts a district meeting as well. This allows the citizens the opportunity to express concerns and discuss issues as well as meet their neighbors.

Mr. Brown asked for the Commission's Goals for 2009 / 2010.

- a) Continue to try to improve handicapped parking in areas lacking; provide education regarding handicapped parking; enforcement of handicapped parking violations
- b) Set parameters for Mini Grants Program and establish funding
- c) Develop a communication strategy with council and partners
- d) Continue to educate the public and businesses about accessibility
- e) Establishing a presence throughout the community by education and presentation

The Commission thanked Mr. Brown and Ms. Pitts for taking the time to assist in this very important exercise.

Mr. Brown thanked the Commission for the work done for and in the community which is so very important.

5. Other Business From the Floor

Commissioner Heffley suggested that a FAQs page be added to the Disabilities' webpage. The Commission agreed and stated this was an excellent suggestion.

6. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

7. Next Meeting – February 17, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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