

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

ELK GROVE CITY HALL
June 21, 2023

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Members Present: Steven A. Capps, Ann Hennessey, Val Shatraw.

Members Absent: Ted Clark, Bruce Cager

Staff: Sgt. Jason Jimenez, EGPD Public Information Officer
Carrie Whitlock, Strategic Planning & Innovation Program Manager

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3.0 APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Ann made a motion to accept May 2022 meeting minutes. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed with 3 ayes.

4.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 SUBJECT: Update on EGPD Efforts

Jason thanked the committee for their service, input, and guidance. He's been with EGPD for 17 years and has been coaching baseball for years. He currently coaches for a the Champions League that allows kids with disabilities to play and has been doing so for 7 years now. He has been in his current role as Public Information Officer (PIO) for over 6 years with a short break in-between to be promoted to Sergeant, but was quickly brought back to PIO. His inspiration for helping better interactions with those with disabilities stemmed from an interaction an EGPD Officer had with a young man with autism. He offered to develop training on interactions with those with disabilities, particularly those with autism and developmental challenges, for the entire force. He also coordinates the Fly Fit program which is a summer program for special needs children and adults to work out with EGPD Officers. EGPD has also developed a Developmental Disability and Special Needs Emergency Packet that helps families have ready information in case of an emergency and contact with first responders. The second part of the packet is something families can provide to EGPD which will allow EGPD to have a record of their loved one's condition and information which could help EGPD interact with their loved one in case of a needed interaction with their loved one. Valerie asked if there was a similar program for elderly folks. Jason stated that they have used that form for that, but also have something called Project Lifesaver which is specifically for those residents who might wander off from their home. Jason told the committee that EGPD needs to know if there's anything their missing, any blind spots they're not seeing, and any suggestions for improvement. Steve asked how often police interact with those with autism. Jason said it happens fairly frequently. He said Elk Grove has a pretty large number of residents with autism. Ann said that the school district has meetings for parents with children with developmental disabilities and asked if Jason had ever attended those. He stated he had. Ann suggested that EGPD try to get this information into the schools, and Jason asked if Ann could help him get in the door to do that.

4.2 SUBJECT: Climate Action Plan – Climate Ambassador Program

Carrie said the City is updating the plan which was adopted in 2019 which a commitment to update every 5 years. They're hoping to finish the update by the end of 2024. She stated that there have been many changes in climate activity including new laws. She mentioned the law that bans the sale of new gas-powered cars starting in 2035. She stated the California Air Resources put out a new plan in 2022 on how to reach climate goals. By 2045 the state has to be 85% below 1990 levels. There is also a net-zero goal by 2045. The state is seeking carbon-sequestration solutions as well to meet the net zero goal. The City's plan has to be updated to meet these new requirements. The update will include a community-wide greenhouse gas inventory. The City is doing the same thing for the City as an organization (electric fleet, etc). Carrie said the Climate Ambassador Program, which is comprised of the members of the community, is designed to talk to their networks to talk to them and provide information to those in their networks and facilitate discussions. Carrie said once everyone has signed up, they will be polled as to when would be good times to meet. Carrie said there will be training for those who signed up. She said it's not a big time commitment but they're hoping people can commit to 5 hours a month. They're really looking for organic interactions with those within their networks, but it can also entail going to community events and City-sponsored events. Carrie said they're working on helpful videos as well. Carrie said they're looking for input on good ideas on how an where to do outreach. The City has contracted with ClimateView, an interactive website that helps visualize climate change for the City depending upon differing inputs. Steve asked if the training program was still being developed, and Carrie said that it's been started but has not yet been completed. Val stated that living in Elk Grove she was unable to qualify for the program to trade in her gas-powered car for an electric vehicle. Carrie commiserated that there have been issues with getting the State to recognize individuals who would otherwise qualify for the program, but they live in zip codes where the average income is too high to qualify.

5.0 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

None

6.0 COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Ann moved to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Val seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Capps

STEVE CAPPS, MEMBER
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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PREPARED BY:
JIM RAMSEY, RISK MANAGER / ADA COORDINATOR