

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

ELK GROVE CITY HALL  
February 19, 2020  
Council Chambers

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Karen Grussenmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Members Present: Karen Grussenmeyer, Steven A. Capps, Bruce Cager, Ann Hennessey

Members Absent: Ted Clark

Staff: Alicia Tutt, Administrative Analyst, Planning Division  
Jim Ramsey, Risk Analyst/ADA Coordinator

**2.0 APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES**

Steve Capps made a motion to accept the January 2020 meeting; Bruce Cager seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Ann Hennessey abstaining.

**3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**4.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**4.1 SUBJECT: Discussion of City's 5-year Consolidated Plan**

Alicia Tutt explained that the Planning Division coordinates the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program for the City. She said the money for these grants is provided by the federal Housing and Urban Development Department. She mentioned that a resident survey has been published asking for input on uses for CDBG funding. She asked the committee to define the population the committee represents and to state what they believe that population's needs are. Alicia stated that CDBG funds have to go towards projects that serve populations that are at least 51% low-income. Citizens with disabilities and the elderly are automatically considered low-income for CDBG purposes. For fiscal year 2019-2020, Alicia said the City received \$920,000 in CDBG funding and that about 65% of that went to capital projects, 15% to public services, and most of the remaining 20% going towards housing activities. A small percentage is used to offset administrative costs. Alicia advised that grant application acceptance starts in January, with an initial presentation to the City Council in April, and then a final presentation to Council in May for final approval. She stated funds can also be used for Economic Development. Alicia asked the committee if they've noticed a change in the population of those with disabilities in the last five years. Karen mentioned that her neighborhood has many retirees and that it also has curb ramps that need to be upgraded. Steve mentioned that

he's seen a huge increase in seniors. Ann mentioned that she notices many families moving to Elk Grove who have family members with Autism. Alicia asked about the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in Elk Grove and if there are needs or problems that didn't exist 5 years ago. Ann stated that it's really hard to get mental health assistance in Elk Grove. Bruce agreed and stated that whatever issues the City had 5 years ago are generally heightened now because of the increase of those with disabilities. Ann stated that it's hard for those with disabilities to get jobs and would like to see some kind of one-stop location for job services in Elk Grove. Ann would like to see the City partner with EDD or other appropriate State agencies. Karen suggested the City's website could have a listing of potential services. Ann would like to see an indoor pool in Elk Grove for those with arthritis and other conditions that have difficulty using outdoor pools. Alicia asked about accessibility challenges in our community and how the City could improve them. Steve said the biggest issue he sees is parking for those with Disabled License Plates and Placards. There's simply not enough and often there are vehicles parked in those spaces that don't have the proper authorizations. Ann agreed. Karen suggested the City inform private businesses on how to be accessible. Ann would like phone numbers to contact ETRAN posted at bus stops. Alicia asked about the housing needs of those with disabilities and what types of resources are needed. The committee agreed that housing is too expensive and that transportation can be difficult. Alicia stated that there are many programs that do have many requirements when it comes to accessibility and low-income needs. Alicia asked if there were additional sources of information the City should consult. Ann suggested contacting the State's Department of Rehabilitation. Bruce recommend contacting Ted Clark to get his input in his absence tonight. Ann mentioned EGPD special education programs and CSD programs.

## **5.0 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

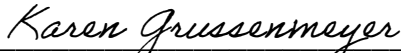
None.


## **6.0 COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Karen moved to adjourn at 7:12 pm. Bruce Cager seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

  
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KAREN GRUSSENMEYER, VICE-CHAIR  
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

  
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PREPARED BY:  
JIM RAMSEY, RISK ANALYST / ADA COORDINATOR