



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Los Angeles City Hall Board of Public Works

200 North Spring Street, Room 350, Los Angeles, California 90012

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sam Overton
Theresa de Vera
David Wolf Iran Hopkins
Sandy Driver-Gordon
Louis Herrera
Betty Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Michael Griggs (excused)
Terry Magady (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen Simon, Executive Director
Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer
Tony Abraham, Senior Management Analyst
Richard Ray, DOD
Richard Pope, ADA Coordinator/ SLI Interpreter
Sheridan Keyser

COMMISSION STAFF:

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

GUESTS:

Louis Burns, Access

* **AUDIO TAPE(S) and CAPTIONING NOTES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

ITEM NO. (1): CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

President of Commission, Sam Overton, called the regular meeting to order at 1:18 P.M. Roll call was conducted and a quorum of the commissioners was present.

ITEM NO. (2): APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTE

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN

Minutes were approved for COD meetings of November 6, 2013 and December 4, 2013.

ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT

DISPOSITION: PUBLIC COMMENTARY RECEIVED – FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY*

No public comments for this item.

ITEM NO. (4): ART AUCTION AS FUNDRAISING FOR COD/DOD – Discussion by DOD’s Sheridan Keyser

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Mr. Keyser discovered that the Cultural Affairs’ galleries cannot be used, so the Department must find alternate locations for the auction. Artists need not be from Los Angeles to participate in the auction.

“Infinite Dreams” is a web site listing information of disabled artist.

DOD will summarize its research and create a time-table for this topic, including how the art auction can work with the Road Museum that is scheduled to open in downtown Los Angeles.

ITEM NO. (5): EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Discussion of budget issues, recent department activities, and other relevant issues. Presentation by Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, DOD.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

The Executive Director introduced Emmett McOsker, Mayor’s Office, who wanted to make himself available to the Commission for any questions.

The Executive Director indicated that the Department and the Mayor's Office are scheduled to meet every two weeks to ensure that the Department's and Commission priorities are aligned with those of the Mayor's Office.

The Department on Disability submitted its budget on December 20th. The Department recognizes that the total expense for sign language and captioning services may have increased, due to demand for service.

The Department continues to focus on community affairs and its need for staffing, especially the staffing of the project manager that will act also as a public information officer for the department.

The Department on Disability has re-aligned some of its staff. Luis Mata will focus on training; Carey Stone on housing, legislative policy, and Title III outreach; John Rodriguez on Title II complaint; Richard Ray on technology; and Richard Pope on emergency preparedness and response.

The AIDS Coordinator's Office has selected a contractor to update the white paper on HIV and AIDS in Los Angeles to deal with 21st century challenges.

The Executive Director also announced the 2014 Miss Wheelchair California Crowning Gala will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2014 in Long Beach. One of the contestants will be Commissioner Theresa de Vera.

ITEM NO. (6): PUBLIC COMMENT.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Public comments provided.

ITEM NO. (7): NEW BUSINESS SUGGESTED FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

DISPOSITION: No new business

ITEM NO. (8): ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Stephen David Simon announced the City will host a community forum on January 17, 2014 to discuss emergency preparedness and response twenty years after the Northridge earthquake.

Louis Burns, Access Services, announced he has finalized his organizations 2014 calendar for community meetings throughout Los Angeles County. The schedule was e-mailed to DOD/COD the morning of January 8th, 2014.

ITEM NO. (9): ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 1:55 P.M.

Sam Overton, President DATE
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist DATE
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY