



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 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
Michael Griggs
Louis Herrera
Terry Magady
Betty Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

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

COMMISSION STAFF:

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

Anna Burton, Emergency Management Department

GUESTS:

Louis Burns, Access
David Foster, Access Services, Inc.

* 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 1:08 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 January 8, 2014.

ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT

DISPOSITION: PUBLIC COMMENTARY RECEIVED – FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY*

Ruthlee Goldkorn commented about possible state legislation to approve the use of new technology and other measures that could possibly reduce or eliminate parking for people with disabilities.

Daniel Garcia encouraged the Commission on Disability to promote sidewalk repair.

Sandra Clayton informed the Commission by distributing a flyer about a meeting called “Peace Alliance” which showed a helpful movie about the founder of the group.

Cecil Ingram encourages the Department on Water and Power (DWP) to improve its life-line rates, due to the high cost of power.

ITEM NO. (4): STATUS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN – Discussion by DOD’s Executive Director.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Mr. Simon introduced DOD’s Rick Pope who discussed the evolving process of updating the emergency management plan. DOD is leading the process as it works with other City departments and a consultant.

Emergency Management’s Anna Burton was introduced. Ms. Burton reported that the City is revamping the City’s entire emergency services plan involving City departments and the Los

Angeles community, that the City's Emergency Operation Plan will be updated and compliant by November 2014, and that the court will confirm the compliance of the plan.

ITEM NO. (5): ACCESS SERVICES – Discussion of Access Services Scheduling. Presentation by Louis Burns, Access Services.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Mr. Burns indicated the quality of the scheduling is measured by the on-time performance. The on-time performance for December 2013 and January 2014 was 91.5 and 89.8 percent, respectively. Ridership increased in January 2013 by 10 percent.

Commissioner Herrera indicated that routing of passengers must be improved. Mr. Foster indicated that routing will be impacted, because drivers must pick up multiple passengers within a 20-minute window, and the nearest driver is given the assignment by geography, thereby affecting other passengers. Nevertheless, the overall on-time performance has improved.

Commissioner Herrera was concerned about the Northern Region of Access changing its software to Strategem.

ITEM NO. (6): EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Discussion of 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 informed the commission and public about the "Declaration of Rights of Persons with Cognitive Disabilities," which was produced by the Coleman Institute, University of Colorado.

The Department's Luis Mata continues to work with the Mayor's "Great Street Initiative." Mr. Simon also reported that a communication cache is being developed for the City's core emergency response staff. The Department is seeking to fill its community affairs position, which will be involved with emergency management by addressing duties of a public information officer (PIO).

The Department met with Councilmember Tom LaBonge, District 4 to initiate a pilot program that makes wheelchairs available at the access points of City Hall and City Hall East.

Additionally, the Department will be participating at the Abilities Expo, which will be held from February 28th through March 2nd, 2014.

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.

ITEM NO. (7): STATUS OF ACCESS/DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE ISSUES – Presentation by City Attorney's Office and DOD Staff.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Due to unavailability of City Attorney's Office, this item was re-scheduled for the next COD meeting.

ITEM NO. (8): PUBLIC COMMENT.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Public comments provided by Cecil Ingram who commented that she had stop taking Access Service trips, because of the scheduling problems discussed.

Ruthless Goldkorn discussed the "Miss Wheelchair of California Pageant."

ITEM NO. (9): NEW BUSINESS SUGGESTED FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Commissioner Magady requested update on Section 8 vouchers.

Commissioner Wilson requested to be added to next month's agenda to discuss the State Commission on Disability meeting.

ITEM NO. (10): ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

No announcements.

ITEM NO. (11): ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:04 P.M.

Sam Overton, President DATE
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist DATE
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY