



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Los Angeles City Hall Board of Public Works

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Theresa May de Vera

David Wolf

Robert Bitonte

Sandy Driver-Gordon

Louis Herrera

Terry Magady

Harriet Posner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Michael Griggs (excused)

Richard Rothenberg (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director

Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer

COMMISSION STAFF:

Sheridan Keyser

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

GUESTS:

Louis Burns, Access (public comments)

Sherry Kelly, Access (public comments)

Kevin Gifford, Special Olympics

Giovanna Cogreve, Metro

* 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 1:11 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 from last meeting was not available for approval.

ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT

DISPOSITION: PUBLIC COMMENTARY RECEIVED – FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY*

Public comments received from Sandra Clayton and Daniel Garcia.

ITEM NO. (4): DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL OLYMPICS - Presentation by Kevin Gifford, Manager, Embassy Relations and Protocol, Special Olympics World Games.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN. INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Mr. Gifford announced that the Special Olympics Invitational occurs at USC on June 6, 7 and 8. He requested support for the olympic's "Amplified Program" which uses other programs and groups to support the special Olympic in 2015. He also has a "Support an Athlete" program through a \$2,500 donation.

Mr. Simon encourages the City to sponsor a volunteer program for the Special Olympics.

ITEM NO. (5): EFFECT OF METRO FARE HIKE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. Report from Metro's Giovanna Gogreve.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN. INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Metro discussed the fare hikes which was the Metro Board approved on May 22, 2014. The regular base fare increases from \$1.10 to \$1.50. The senior and disabled monthly pass will increase from \$14.00 to \$20.00 and financial assistance is available through Metro. The new fares will be effective September 2014.

ITEM NO. (6): ESTABLISHING A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITY. Presentation by Tony Abraham, DOD.

Mr. Abraham reported on attending the County's last minute and an effort to attend future meetings, including the need to identify common areas of interest.

Janet Neal, County Commission, spoke during public comments about maintaining relationship between the two Commissions and hold joint public hearings and meetings.

ITEM NO. (7): DISCUSSION OF CUTS TO IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. Presentation by Tony Abraham, DOD.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Mr. Abraham reported that due to the extension of Fair Labor Standard Act to care attendants, they must be paid overtime. However, Governor Brown restricted care attendants from working overtime, in order not to increase the state's budget in in this area.

The commission will place on the next agenda an action item whether it should send a letter of concern to Sacramento about the proposed cuts.

ITEM NO. (8): DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL RETREAT.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Commission will identify topics to discuss at the retreat scheduled for September 2014.

ITEM NO. (9): ESTABLISHMENT OF A TIMELINE FOR NOMINATING OFFICERS OF COMMISSION ON DISABILITY.

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

Commission approved motion to nominate and approved officers at its July and August meetings, respectively.

ITEM NO. (10): SELECTION OF MEETING DATE FOR JULY COD MEETING.

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

Commission approved motion to retain the meeting day of first Wednesday in July which is July 2, 2014.

ITEM NO. (11): 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*

Mr. Simon announced that the City's budget becomes effective on July 1, 2014. The Department is scheduled to eliminate one position, but the department fared well insofar that its budget did not undergo large cost cuts. One gap is funding for the department's emergency cache.

The department has continued the Mayor's COMPSTAT program, which is a list of metrics. The City Council passed a motion to create a public health commission for the City.

ITEM NO. (12): PUBLIC COMMENT.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Comments taken and noted.

ITEM NO. (13): NEW BUSINESS SUGGESTED FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Commissioners will provide input for items for discussion for its September retreat, such as homeless veterans.

ITEM NO. (14): ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

No announcements.

ITEM NO. (14): ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:57 P.M.

Sam Overton, President DATE
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist DATE
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY