



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, 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

Harriet Posner

Richard Rothenberg

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Michael Griggs (excused)

Betty Wilson (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen David Simon (vacation)

Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer

COMMISSION STAFF:

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

GUESTS:

Sam Overton,

ADA Access Advisory Committee

Dr. Vito Imbasciani, State Surgeon

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.

First Vice President of Commission, Theresa de Vera, 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 from last meeting were approved.

ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT

DISPOSITION: PUBLIC COMMENTARY RECEIVED – FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY*

No public comments at this time.

ITEM NO. (4): DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL OLYMPICS. LAWA ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN. INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Mr. Sam Overton invited volunteers to apply for the LAWA's ADA Access Advisory Committee by contacting Lawrence Rolon, LAWA or visiting the LAWA website. Participants need not reside in Los Angeles. The committee meets every third Wednesday of the month at LAWA's Flight Path Museum.

ITEM NO. (5): STATUS OF HOMELESS VETERANS IN LOS ANGELES. Report from U.S.A Army National Guard, California State Surgeon, Dr. Vito Imbasciani.

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

City Attorney Chris Lee requested that item be informational until commission specifies the action and includes it on the next agenda.

Dr. Imbasciani gave a presentation which will be summarized by DOD staff in a separate report.

ITEM NO. (6): UPDATE ON CREATION OF A CITY HEALTH COMMISSION. Presentation by Tony Abraham, DOD.

Mr. Abraham reported that council file 14-0596 had created a health commission by a vote of 15-0 in city council, permitting each council office to nominate one appointee to the

commission. The commission is to work with the county's Department of Public Health to ensure that service is being delivered to residents of the city of Los Angeles. The new commission will develop a strategic plan to examine whether the city is being served adequately by the county's department, create a timeline for the strategic plan, and then report back to the City.

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

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN

Mr. Abraham reported that Governor Brown conceded to authorize overtime pay for those providing in home supportive services, therefore no action required on this action.

However, the commission recommended further research on the status of the California Minimum Wage Supplement for Home Health Workers (2014) which would mandate 75 hours of training for all people provided IHSS services.

ITEM NO. (8): COORDINATION OF CITY VOLUNTEERS FOR 2015 SPECIAL OLYMPICS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Recommendations are to be submitted about how best to coordinate the soliciting of volunteers before the November 2014 deadline.

ITEM NO. (9): DISCUSSION OF PROPOSITION 41 AND ITS IMPACT ON VETERANS.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Recommendation is to be submitted about what might be done. Commission requested staff discovers who's implementing this program and have them report back to the commission. Staff will discuss this topic with Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID).

Recommendation made to merge this item and item #6 on homeless veterans. Commission approved motion to nominate and approved officers at its July and August meetings, respectively.

ITEM NO. (10): NOMINATION OF COD OFFICERS.

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

The Commission approved the nomination of the following people for office:

President: Commissioner Bitonte

Commissioner de Vera

1st Vice President: David Wolf

2nd Vice President: Sandy Driver-Gordon

The election will be held at the next commission meeting.

ITEM NO. (11): DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL RETREAT.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Recommendation should be submitted for consideration by the commission.

ITEM NO. (12): EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Stephen David Simon will provide a report upon his return at the August 2014 commission meeting.

ITEM NO. (13): PUBLIC COMMENT.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Comments taken and noted.

ITEM NO. (14): NEW BUSINESS SUGGESTED FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

1. Collect recommendations for agenda item #5 (Status of Homeless Veterans in Los Angeles).
2. Summarize the presentation of Dr. Vito Imbasciani on the Status of Homeless Veterans in Los Angeles.
3. Review recommendations from a public hearing held by the commission in 2008 on homeless veterans.
4. Research the implementation of the new commission on public health by inviting a department or agency responsible for the implementation.

5. Specify action to be taken regarding agenda item #7 (Preparation of a Letter of Concern about Cuts to In Home Supportive Services by State of California). Since cuts will not occur, staff is to research California Minimum Wage Supplement for Home Health Workers (2014) which appears did not qualify for the November 4, 2014 ballot.
6. Recommendation to how the City and Commission will coordinate volunteers for the Special Olympics 2015.
7. Recommendation is to be submitted about Proposition 41 and its implementation. Commission requested staff discovers who's implementing this program and have them report back to the commission. Staff will discuss this topic with Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID).
8. Recommendation made to merge items #5 and #9 on homeless veterans and Proposition 41.
9. Recommendation for items to be discussed at the September retreat should be submitted for consideration by the commission. Staff must specify the location of the retreat.
10. Staff to review evacuation plan for City Hall for people with disabilities by contacting GSD.

ITEM NO. (15): ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

No announcements.

ITEM NO. (16): ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:27 P.M.

Sam Overton, President DATE
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist DATE
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY