



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016 1:00 P.M.
Los Angeles City Hall Board of Public Works
200 North Spring Street, Room 350, Los Angeles, California 90012

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Bitonte
David Wolf
Theresa de Vera
Alisa Schlesinger
Iran Hopkins
Norma Lopez
Betty Wilson
Robert Williams

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Richard Rothenberg (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen Simon, Executive Director

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

None

GUESTS:

None

ITEM NO. (1): Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes.

President Bitonte called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Roll call was conducted, and a quorum of the commissioners was present.

Action Taken: Commission approved the June meeting minutes.

ITEM NO. (2) Public Comment.

Public Commentary Received – For Announcement Purpose Only*

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (3): Purposeful Aging.

The City's Purposeful Aging Plan is a collaborative effort to make Los Angeles a more age-friendly city. The Department on Disability and the Department on Aging meet quarterly to identify services that specifically address the aging population.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (4): Department of Transportation's Disabled Parking Placard Policy.

DOD gave an update on the Department of Transportation's Disabled Parking Placard Policy. The Accessible Parking Committee will be meeting on July 15th to allow community input around implementing the new policy and Assemblymember Mike Gatto has asked for an audit of the entire parking placard system.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (5) Hollyhock House

DOD gave an update on expanding the accessibility of Hollyhock House. At a meeting last month, three presenters submitted their proposal on how to make the Hollyhock more accessible. DOD will provide a report to identify certain areas where the accessibility can expand and review the proposals.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (6): Coordinated Care Initiative.

President Dr. Robert Bitonte updated the Commissioners on the status of the Commission's FOIA request. The FOIA request has been sent to the federal office requesting reports, consumer complaints, and communication reports. Justice in Aging indicated that there are working groups on communication to the public.

Action Taken: Ask Justice in Aging to present on the working groups.

ITEM NO. (7): Sidewalk Repair Program.

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director of the Department on Disability gave an update on the Sidewalk Repair Program. The new City's budget year allocated 20 percent of the budget to sidewalk repairs. The DOD is taking down the names each month of people who request sidewalk repairs and forward them to BOE. DOD is also conducting site visits at certain locations.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (8): Commission on Disability Retreat.

Discussion regarding scheduling a Commission on Disability planning retreat every year or every two years. The purpose of the retreat is for the Commission to review the mandate and history and to look at policies that the COD may want to move forward. The meeting is scheduled for September

14th at the Department on Disability, no regular scheduled meeting for September.

Action Taken: Commissioners email Juliana with any recommendations for topics for the retreat.

ITEM NO. (9): Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Stephen David Simon provided background information and highlights for the Department. The Department is focused on expanding programs, reinforcing existing programs, working on staff restructuring, and making documents accessible to all Angelenos. DOD is working on the meeting for the placard task force, continuing to take names of the people interested in sidewalk repairs and then forwards the information to BOE. AIDS Coordinator's office is looking to hire

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (10): New Business and Announcements

New business suggested for the next regular meeting's agenda is the discussion about policy recommendations on equal access and opportunity to any private industry. The new items for next agenda is the special education programs that keep the school playgrounds open after school and an update on Hollyhock House.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (11): Adjournment

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:36 P.M.