



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Los Angeles City Hall Board of Public Works

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Bitonte
Theresa May de Vera
Michael Griggs
Louis Herrera
Richard Rothenberg
Alysa Schlessinger
David Wolf

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Sandy Driver Gordon (excused)
Harriet Posner (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director
Tony Abraham, Chief of Staff
Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer
Carey Stone, ADA Coordinator (Housing)
Richard Ray, ADA Coordinator (Technology)
Adriana Miranda, Management Analyst

COMMISSION STAFF:

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

GUESTS:

* 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 Bitonte called the regular meeting to order at 1:12 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

Commission approved the August 6th, 2014 minutes.

ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT

DISPOSITION: PUBLIC COMMENTARY RECEIVED – FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY*

Public comment granted. Sandra Clayton announced that an inter-faith meetings on mental health are held at 550 Vermont on September 11th at 10:00 a.m. Daniel Garcia and Genevieve Clavreul talked separately about accessible sidewalks, and the City's ADA Compliance Officer, Angela Kaufman, requested the location of those sidewalks be e-mailed to her.

ITEM NO. (4): UPDATED ON PROPOSITION 41 AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH THE VETERANS HOUSING AND HOMELESS PREVENTION (VHHP) PROGRAM.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN. INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Carey Stone provided background information on the VHHP, indicating that the Department on Disability provided a letter about the use of available funds to the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

DHCD may dedicated a minimum of \$15 million to Los Angeles, but the money is available to developers to compete for through notice of funding availability to fund 500 units of veterans housing over two years.

United Way and the Corporation for Supportive Housing are coordinating funds reserved for supportive housing units for the Los Angeles area. They are working on developing a system for coordinating services for people who need housing, therefore they are looking for funds to hire coordinators that will operate what is being called the Coordinated Entry System (CES). The CES is an attempt to have coordinators issue to veterans and their families seeking of housing a questionnaire called Spedat to determine the consequences for the seekers if they don't

receive housing, and other social services. The CES will be used to ensure that supportive housing services are identified and provided to veterans and their families.

Currently, it is estimated that \$4,000 per year per unit can be used for the service coordinators.

ITEM NO. (5): CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH VETERANS HOMELESSNESS AND PROPOSITION 41.

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

Commission approved the following:

MOTION 08062014-5F relative to recommending to the Mayor and City Council to approve one or more commissioners being on the directing board of the Housing for Veterans Fund.

MOTION 08062014-5B relative to the Commission adopting the position that the Commission is committed to (1) housing, (2) medical care through improving access of veterans to specialized non-veteran health care facilities, (3) employment to develop educational program for employers to understand limitations of disabled veterans; and (4) government agencies to increase the coordination and communication between Department of Defense and Department of Veterans of Affairs.

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

Mr. Abraham reported that the City has not taken any further action on the Health Commission.

ITEM NO. (7): ANNUAL COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RETREAT.

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN

ADA Compliance Officer, Angela Kaufman, covered a number of topics to be discussed at the retreat on October 1, 2014. Those topics include powerpoint presentations on the roles of the Commissioners and the Department on Disability, the Brown Act, etc.

Time will be set aside for the Commissioners to discuss their priorities and topics of interest.

ITEM NO. (8): DISCUSSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Stephen Simon provided update on department's activities, directing Disability's staff to discuss topics.

Richard Ray spoke about the Deaf Festival that occurred on September 27th when nearly 7,000 people are anticipated to attend.

Adriana Miranda spoke about Disability Mentoring Day scheduled for October 15th to connect mentors with a person with a disability, in order to spend a work day discussing work and prospects.

Daisy Bonilla spoke about the Disability Art Exhibit which held along the City Hall Bridge from now until September 30, 2014.

ITEM NO. (9): PUBLIC COMMENT.

DISPOSITION: DISCUSSION.

ITEM NO. (10): NEW BUSINESS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

ITEM NO. (11): ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Janet Neal invited people to attend the County Commission's Annual Event on October 20th.

The public was reminded that the City's Commission will hold its retreat on October 1, 2014 at 201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 101.

ITEM NO. (12): ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 P.M.

Sam Overton, President DATE
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist DATE
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY

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