



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 7, 2015

Los Angeles City Hall Board of Public Works

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Bitonte

David Wolf

Theresa de Vera

Alisa Schlesinger

Robert Williams

Betty Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Harriet Posner (excused)

Iran Hopkins (excused)

Richard Rothenberg (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen Simon, Executive Director

Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer

COMMISSION STAFF:

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

Recreation and Parks

GUESTS:

Janet Neal, County COD

Presentation by Patricia Delgado, Aquatic Director for the City of Los Angeles Recreation & Parks.

* **AUDIO TAPE(S) and CAPTIONING NOTES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

ITEM NO. (1): CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Bitonte called the regular meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. Roll call was conducted and a quorum of the commissioners was present.

Action Taken: Roll call.

ITEM NO. (2): APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Action Taken: Commission approved the August meeting minutes.

ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENTARY RECEIVED – FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY*

Public comments were granted.

ITEM NO. (4) SENATE BILL 29 FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM: BEHAVIORAL TRAINING FOR CA PEACE OFFICERS AND SENATE BILL 11 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS.

These bills responds to the growing public concerns by mandating additional evidence-based behavioral training proven to reduce the negative interactions between peace officers and people suffering from a mental illness or intellectual disability. (First appeared in the agenda on 8-5-15)

Action Taken: Support the SB bill in principal, but the Department on Disability will create a policy recommendation for amendment for the inclusivity language on disability.

ITEM NO. (5): COMPLAINT SYSTEM FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

Residents of Los Angeles City and County occupy some 75,000 beds in long-term care facilities. Current and former residents of these facilities may be unclear as where to lodge complaints about the care provided. (First appeared on COD agenda on 6-3-15).

Action Taken: Put it on the agenda for next meeting.

ITEM NO. (6): DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S DISABLED PARKING PLACARD POLICY.

Discussion on the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's "Disabled Parking Placard Policy." (First appeared on COD agenda 3-4-15).

Action Taken: Put on the agenda for next meeting.

ITEM NO. (7) PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AND CHANGING FACILITIES.

ADA title II public entities should have clear policies about accessibility to changing rooms of public swimming pools special for caregivers or personal assistants who are of the opposite sex. Presentation by Patricia Delgado, Aquatic Director for the City of Los Angeles Recreation & Parks. (First appeared on COD agenda on 8-5-15).

Action Taken: Put on the agenda for next meeting.

ITEM NO. (8) HOUSING ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY.

Discussion regarding Commission options for addressing accessible and affordable housing issues in the Los Angeles area.

(First appeared on COD agenda on 9-2-15).

NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

ITEM NO. (9): DISCUSSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, highlighted concerns of the department.

Discussion covers Department activities, metrics, budget, planning, and other relevant issues. Presentation is by Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, Department on Disability.

NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

ITEM NO. (10): NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. (11): ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ITEM NO. (16):

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:05 P.M.

Robert Bitonte, President
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

DATE

Juliana Soto,
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY

DATE