



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 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

Iran Hopkins

Richard Rothenberg

Alisa Schlesinger

Robert Williams

Betty Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Harriet Posner (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen Simon, Executive Director

Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer

COMMISSION STAFF:

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

GUESTS:

Presentation by Council District 13 Mitch O' Farrell

* **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 September meeting minutes.

ITEM NO. (3) Public Comment

Public Commentary Received – For Announcement Purpose Only*

Action Taken: DOD will continue to post the meeting minutes on the website, issues of signage at Union Station regarding elevators that are not functioning, works with the Assistant Technology liaison, and check if the rule of No Food and Drinks in the Public Work's Room violating the ADA Act.

ITEM NO. (4): Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell

Council District 13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell is the chair of the Arts, Parks and River (APR) Committee and Vice Chair of the Health, Mental Health and Education Committee. He gave an update of the efforts to making his district more accessible and talked about the future endeavors.

Action Taken: DOD staff to check the Hollyhock house for accessibility.

ITEM NO. (5): Commission on Disability Elections 2015

Pursuant to Section 503 of the Charter, the Commission officers (President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President) are to be elected every year.

Action Taken: President is Dr. Robert Bitonte, 1st Vice President is David E. Wolf, and 2nd Vice President is Alisa Schlesinger

ITEM NO. (6) Senate Bill 29 Field Training Program Behavioral Training for CA Peace Officers and Senate Bill 11 Behavioral Health Training for California Peace Officers.

Discussion on including inclusive language pertaining to disability, gender, and orientation.

Action Taken: Motion to adopt the inclusive language the Mayor and/or City Council was passed.

ITEM NO. (7): Department of Transportation's Disabled Parking Placard Policy.

Discussion on the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's "Disabled Parking Placard Policy." Enforcement update by DOD or DOT staff.

Action Taken: Put on the agenda for next meeting.

ITEM NO. (8): 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.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (9): Housing Accessibility and Affordability

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

Action Taken: Put on the agenda for next meeting.

ITEM NO. (10): Coordinated Care Initiative.

The status of the Commission's FOIA request for information.

Action Taken: The City Attorney will inquire about that.

ITEM NO. (11):) : DISCUSSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (12): NEW BUSINESS

Action Taken: Research about the increase in the cost of attendant care and add Art Disability Research on the agenda for next meeting.

ITEM NO. (13): ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (14): ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:47 P.M.