



# **COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

## **MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 1:00 P.M.

Department on Disability

Zoom Video Conference

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Myrna Cabanban

Iran Hopkins

Dr. Robert Bitonte

Richard Rothenberg

Alisa Schlesinger

Candace Cable

Robert Williams

Betty Wilson

### **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

David Wolf

### **DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:**

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, Department on Disability

Ricki Rosales, AIDS Coordinator, Department on Disability

**OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:**

Noreen Vincent, City Attorney Office

**GUESTS:**

**ITEM NO. (1): FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361**

Determination in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Action Taken: The Commission on Disability approved the teleconference meetings pursuant to AB361.

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

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the June 2022 and the April 2022 and July 2022 Special meetings and the Commission on Disability voted to approve them.

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes for June 8<sup>th</sup> and Special Meeting minutes for April 8<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

**ITEM NO. (4): COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ELECTION - JULY**

The Commission will hold its annual Election for the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary.

- I. Presentation is by the Commission on Disability and they will hold its annual Election for the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary.

Action Taken: Myrna Cabanban is President, David Wolf is 1st Vice President, Robert Bitonte is 2nd Vice President, and Robert Williams is Secretary.

**ITEM NO. (5): COMMISSION CALENDAR CREATION**

The Commission will review, discuss proposed future meeting items and will create a partial calendar for the remainder of 2022.

- I. Presentation is by the Department on Disability on proposed future meeting items and will create a partial calendar for the remainder of 2022. The Commission on Disability discussed topics such as MTA, COVID, Emergency preparedness, hearing access, Transportation Network Network tracking and reporting, housing, homelessness, and legislation recommendations to City Council and the Mayor's Office.

Action Taken: The Commission on Disability approved the partial calendar for the remainder of 2022.

**ITEM NO. (6): AMERICAN ACADEMY OF LEGAL MEDICINE**

A Commissioner provided the Commission on Disability with a highlight on the American Academy of Legal Medicine.

- I. Presentation is by Commissioner Bitonte and provided the Commission on Disability information on how the Commission and the Department can participate in the upcoming October Annual meeting held on 10/14/2022. This is a national organization that it attracts physicians, lawyers, nurse lawyers, and a lot of dual degree people to discuss the intersect of medicine and law. Commissioner Bitonte asked Commissioner Cable and Stephen David Simon to participate in the meeting held in October. Commissioner Bitonte also invited the Commission on Disability to attend the meeting in October.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

**ITEM NO. (7): AD HOC COMMITTEE – OLYMPICS/PARALYMPICS ROAD AND ADAPTIVE SPORTS**

The Commission on Disability will hear the Ad Hoc Committee on any issues or recommendations regarding the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic/Paralympic games.

- I. The Commission on Disability will hear the Ad Hoc Committee on any issues or recommendations regarding the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic/Paralympic games. The AD Hoc Committee will be very active in LA28 with the physical assessments, making recommendations about how the space is laid out, how the City is building adapted programs, making sure there are facilities, proper training, and good support for organizing the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Action Taken: Commissioner Cable was designated to partake in the Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles 2028 Olympic/Paralympic games

**ITEM NO. (8): REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OR APPROVAL OF LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

The Commission will review, discuss, and make any recommendations on the

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two letters of support for Recreation and Parks, SB 866, and SB 871.

- I. Presentation is by the Department on Disability on the letters of support RE: Recreation and Parks and Councilmembers Adaptive Recreation Support and Achievements, as well as SB 866 and SB 871 drafts. The Commission will have the option to approve one or both letters. President Cabanban will have the ability to edit the letter prior to signature.

Action Taken: The Commission on Disability approved the letters of support for Recreation and Parks, SB 866, and SB871.

## **ITEM NO. (9): COMMISSION ON DISABILITY- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Commission will be updated on new and on-going legislation of interest.

- I. Presentation is by the Department on Disability on will be updated on new and on-going legislation of interest. The Department has a live list of legislation bills that can be reviewed by the Commission on Disability which will include brief descriptions and status of the bills.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

## **ITEM NO. (10): EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ongoing update on items relating to Department activities, metrics, budget, planning, and/or other relevant issues. Presentation is by Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, Department on Disability and/or other department staff. Ricki Rosales, AIDS Coordinator, Department on Disability presented on Monkeypox. There have been about 70 cases identified. Monkeypox is spread through close contact with someone who has contracted the virus, such as touching sores, contaminated clothing or sheets, kissing, talking closely, and coming into close extended contact with respiratory droplets. The symptoms of Monkeypox mimic the common cold, such as chills, fever, swollen lymph nodes, and rashes. The majority of people diagnosed have been gay and bisexual men. The current surge is coming from big parties happening three to five weeks ago. All of the people who have been in contact with people who were diagnosed with Monkeypox have been reached out to get vaccinated. Currently, the situation is

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considered low risk for the majority of the population. Stephen David Simon gave updates on the Department on Disability. Currently, the department is hiring for seven positions and can send the job descriptions to the Commission to disseminate. The Assistant Executive Director for the department was appointed by the mayor and approved by council to be the head of the Department of Aging and the department will search to fill that position. The department is working on an accessible procurement policy with the Chief Procurement Officer, training City staff, and providing the technology to be fully accessible to people with disabilities).

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

## **ITEM NO. (11): NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Items for the next regular meeting's agenda and announcements from Commissioners, DOD staff, and guests, as well as follow-up items from this or previous commission meetings to be presented at the next meeting. No new business and announcements at this time.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

## **ITEM NO. (12): ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:48 P.M.