

# Commission on Disability AGENDA Final Meeting Minutes

Commission on Disability
Wednesday
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard 5/01/2019
1326 Allston Way 6:30 PM
Willow Room
Berkeley, CA 94702

#### A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1) Call to Order by Chair Ghenis at 6:40.
- Roll Call by Secretary Bednarska: Present: Walsh, Smith, Ghenis, Weiss, Ramirez, Singer; LOA: Leeder.
- Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker)
   None.
- 4) Approval of Draft Action Minutes of March 6, 2018\*\*\* Motion to Approve, (Weiss/Smith, all ayes) Regular Meeting and Draft Action Minutes of April 3, 2018 Regular Meeting.\*
  Motion to Approve (Singer/Smith, all ayes)
  - Motion to Approve (Singer/Smith, all ayes)
- 5) Staff Update.

Secretary provided the following updates: the Kiosk informational item was submitted for May 28 City Council Agenda, COD 2019 Work Plan submitted for internal review and should head to Council in late June.

6) Approval and Order of Agenda (Weiss/Singer, all ayes)

#### **B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

The public may speak at the beginning of any item. (Comments may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

# Commission will take a 5 minute break around 8pm

1. Secretary issues and accessibility concerns.

Concerns regarding the accessibility of the meeting room, size of room, and proximity to transit raised.

Request that staff look into alternative location such as South Berkeley Senior Center or Ed Roberts. No action taken.

2. Navigable Cities Informational Report to Council.

Discuss and review report. (20 minutes / Ghenis)\*
Discussion. Motion: Walsh to represent
COD on Vision Zero committee (Weiss/Ramirez, all ayes)
Motion: Approve informational item for submission to City
Council with photos. (Singer/Ramirez, all ayes)

**3. Town Hall.** Discussion and Selection of date. (5 minutes / Ghenis)

Discussion of town hall in lieu of regular meeting in

October. Secretary and Chair to explore having the meeting at Ed Roberts Campus.

Motion to approve: (Walsh/Weiss, all ayes)

- 4. Homeless Concerns Access to electric charging facilities for wheelchairs. Discuss information that has been collected and explore future course-of-action. (10 minutes / Ghenis)
- Public Comments from Stacey Hill, Alex Williams, Yesica Prado in support of public charging stations. Discussion. Motion for Chair Ghenis to further research issue and draft informational item. (Walsh/Singer, all ayes) Request for Secretary/staff to follow up on request for power at Stacey Hill's Here/There Camp with Public Works.
- **5. Homeless Concerns RV Parking.** (10 minutes / Smith) Public comment from Yesica Prado and Richie Smith on need for overnight RV parking. Discussion. Request for Secretary/Staff to provide any available updates on the issue. No action taken.
- 6. Discussion on changes to PG&E Medical Baseline Program. PG&E recently changed policies to its medical baseline program. Discuss changes, impacts, and potential courses of action. (10 minutes / Ghenis) Public comment by Christine Schwartz. Discussion. Request for Jennifer Lazo to address how Emergency Services and the Committee may work together to address potential adverse impact on people with disabilities who rely on medical equipment.

7. Discussion on Zero Waste Commission. Discuss how to collaborate with ZWC on any future efforts that may affect people with disabilities. A Zero Waste Commission member may attend, or Ghenis will communicate with ZWC and report back. (10 minutes / Ghenis)

Discussion. No action taken.

**8. San Pablo Avenue Plan.** An update on the planning process, and report on Feb 13 stakeholder meeting. (10 minutes / Walsh)

Discussion.

Request to invite county staff to present and address accessibility concerns related to mobility and visual disabilities.

**9. Public Outreach Informational Item** Discuss and review report. (15 minutes /Ghenis)\* Discussion. Motion to approve informational item for submission to City Council. (Singer/Walsh, all ayes)

#### 10. Announcements

Weiss-Team came in 1<sup>st</sup> in MS Walk, fundraising still ongoing. Bednarska-Annual stipends forms due May 31<sup>st</sup>.

# C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Peace and Justice Commission Subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities- Update on activity or projects of this subcommittee since last meeting. (5 minutes / Walsh & Weiss)

CRPD's second annual Berkeley forum on access and disability rights at Ed Roberts on May 8, 3 to 5pm. Secretary Bednarska added as panelist.

#### D. COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (from adopted work plan, referrals, etc.)
  Navigable Cities Items
  - - Construction issues
    - Portable signs
    - Photo survey

Sidewalk discussion item

**Relocation of Meetings** 

PG&E

**Town Hall** 

**RV Parking and Wheelchair Chargers** 

**Elevator Ordnance Review** 

San Pablo Corridor

**Service Animals Welcome** 

**Commission on Ageing** 

E. ADJOURNMENT: 9:25 PM (Walsh/Smith, all ayes)

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