



Commission on Disability
FINAL MINUTES
Regular Meeting

Commission on Disability

Wednesday

City of Berkeley Corporation Yard

07/10/2019

1326 Allston Way

6:30 PM

Willow Room

Berkeley, CA 94702

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1) Call to Order by Chair Ghenis at 6:38 PM.
- 2) Roll Call by Secretary: Present: Ghenis, Singer, Walsh, Smith, Weiss LOA: Ramirez, Absent: Leeder
- 3) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker)
None
- 4) Approval of Draft Action Minutes of May 1, 2019*
Motion to approve minutes. (Weiss/Smith, all ayes)
- 5) Staff Update
- 6) Approval and Order of Agenda
Motion to approve: (Weiss/Smith, 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. Meeting logistics and related concerns.

Clarify that all concerns have been addressed; note if there are any ongoing barriers, and what barriers are; progress as needed. Discuss potential substitute meeting for cancelled June meeting. (5 minutes / Ghenis)

Discussion. Motion to hold special meeting on Wednesday, August 21. (Walsh/Weiss, all ayes)

2. San Pablo Avenue Plan.* Discussion and update. (5 minutes/COD) Discussion. Motion to prepare council items to request that accessibility be considered and that a advisory committee or panel of experts be formed for the San Pablo Corridor. (Weiss/Smith, all ayes)

3. Relocation of Commission Meetings. Discussion of alternative meeting locations (5 minutes/ Ghenis)

Discussion. Motion to move future meetings starting August 21 to Tupelo or Multipurpose Room at 1947 Center Street.

(Walsh/Smith, Ghenis, aye, Weiss, aye Singer: Abstain)

4. Town Hall. Disability Town Hall will occur in place of regularly-scheduled October meeting. Discussion and Update (5 minutes / Ghenis)

Discussion. Motion: Start Town Hall Meeting in October at 6pm instead of 6:30 PM. (Weiss/Walsh, all ayes)

5. Homeless Concerns - Access to electric charging facilities for wheelchairs.* Council item will explain problems, concerns, and outline options for next steps. Discuss informational and/or action item to be submitted to Council. (10 minutes / Ghenis)
Discussion. Motion to approve action item as amended. (Walsh/Weiss, all ayes)

6. Homeless Concerns - RV Parking.* Update and feedback from staff and commissioners. (10 minutes / Smith)
Discussion. No action taken.

7. Discussion on changes to PG&E Medical Baseline Program. Discussion and Update (5 minutes / Ghenis)
No update at this time.

8. New Construction and Renovations – Accessibility Guidelines and Regulations** (10 minutes/ Ghenis)
Develop comprehensive framework for accessibility in new construction and/or renovations. Discussion of Council item.
Postponed for future meeting.

9. Vision Zero. (Walsh/ 5 min) Discussion and update.
No update at this time.

10. Commission on Ageing and COD Representation. (Walsh/ 5 min) Discussion and update.

Discussion. No action taken.

11. Berkeley Photos for Commission work. Discuss photos to include in future materials by the Commission, e.g. of inaccessible entryways or sidewalk obstructions. Commissioners may agree to take certain photos or types of photos in future weeks. (5 min / Ghenis)

Discussion. No action taken.

12. Announcements:

ADA Anniversary this month. Various voting initiatives aimed at PWDs, Crip the Vote, ADA National Network (Walsh)

WID doing several disaster webinars on July 26 and August 1 (Ghenis)

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)

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (from adopted work plan, referrals, etc.)

Navigable Cities Items

- **Construction issues**
- **Portable signs**
- **Photo survey**

Sidewalk discussion item

Events Calendar

Service Animals Welcome

Elevator ordinance

Access line item in Council templates

E. ADJOURNMENT: 9:30pm (Singer, Smith, all ayes)

Agenda Posted: TBD


- * Indicates written material included in packet.
- ** Indicates material to be delivered at meeting.
- *** Indicates material previously mailed.

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https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Commissions_Commission_on_Disability_Homepage.aspx

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