

APPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
Monday, April 22, 2013 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M.

Present: Chair Lord-Hausman, Vice-Chair Harp, Commissioners Fort, Kirola, Deutsch, Tam, Fruge, and Franco

Absent: Commissioner Warren

Chair Lord-Hausman welcomed the new Commissioners and allowed each member to introduce themselves.

2. MINUTES

No changes.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

3-A. Angie Watson-Najgem / Echo Housing provided information to the CDI regarding the role of Echo Housing and rights to affordable housing for those with disabilities and rights for those who need accessibility upgrades within their homes.

3-B. Bonnie Liebert – Mastick Senior Center Liaison

3-C. Stephen Beard – Chair of Oakland CDI

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. Donata Nielsen gave a presentation on a new program focused on home-bound, disabled, and elderly within the County regarding disaster preparedness. They are working with the City of Alameda Fire Department on the pilot program, within a work group, including Chair-Lord Hausman and Commissioner Ford. Ms. Nielson provided a handout overview of the pilot project.

Commissioner Tam asked if there would be training done in other languages to which Ms. Nielsen stated that there will be included eventually such as Chinese and Spanish.

Commissioner Fruge asked if there will be captioned DVD for the deaf to which Ms. Nielsen confirmed they would be captioned in multiple languages.

Mr. Beard asked would this program apply to all City departments to which Ms. Nielsen

stated no, it is just a narrow pilot project.

Chair-Lord Hausman thanked Ms. Nielsen for the presentation and providing information.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5-A. Goals and Objectives 2012 (Chair Lord-Hausman)

Chair Lord-Hausman distributed a list of 2012 accomplishments.

5-B. Universal Design Work Group Update (Vice Chair Harp)

Commissioner Harp discussed the Draft Universal Design Ordinance.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated she intended to seek approval of the CDI and will then forward to City Planner, Andrew Thomas, for consideration by the Planning Board.

The Commissioners and Stephen Beard acknowledged the hard work and commitment of the CDI.

Ayes – 8
No – 0
Abstain - 0

5-C. Park Street Bench Project (Chair Lord-Hausman)

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the benches have arrived and will soon be installed along Park Street. This will create a more friendly environment along Park Street.

5-D. City Council Meeting Report (Commissioner Fort)

Commissioner Fort had no report.

5-E. Planning Board Meeting Report (Chair Lord-Hausman)

Chair Lord-Hausman discussed the progress of Alameda Landing where the site will be for the new Target and Safeway, Chair-Lord Hausman will work with City Planner, Andrew Thomas, as part of on-going engagement of the project.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (Secretary Akil)

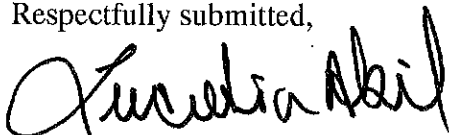
6-A. Commissioner Tam acknowledged that the new sound system, assistive listening device, in Council Chambers works great!

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 7-A. Commissioner Harp announced a new Zumba Class flyer for Senior Centers and adults of all ages.
- 7-B. Commissioner Franco stated that she would be happy to take any information to the WABA as part of the CDI. Chair Lord-Hausman requested that the accessible parking signs be put back out at the Farmers' Market.
- 7-C. Chair Lord-Hausman acknowledged the April 25, 5:30 – 7:30 Meet Your Public Officials at the Elks Club sponsored by the Alameda League of Women Voters.
- 7-D. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the Autism Awareness Month event on April 21 went very well. CDI co-sponsored with the Alameda Multi-Cultural Center and the Alameda Autism Network and past Commissioner Jody Moore.
- 7-E. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the Recreation and Park Department is providing space for a temporary Ala Costa Center.
- 7-F. Chair Lord-Hausman asked for input on new focus and projects for the balance of the year, such as issues, concerns, infrastructure – any items where the CDI can lend its voice.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary