

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

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Chair Lord-Hausman, Commissioners Fort, Franco, Fruge, Harp, Tam, Warren, and Wilkinson

Absent: Vice-chair Deutsche

Chair Lord-Hausman presented former Commissioner Kirola with a certificate of appreciation. Commissioner Kirola expressed appreciation to the Commission.

Chair Lord-Hausman introduced new Commissioner Wilkinson, who shared her background with the Commission

**2. MINUTES**

2-A. Approved with changes.

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

3-A. Bonnie Leber, Mastick Senior Center liaison, distributed information regarding the Annual Open House and Resources Fair scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2013, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Commission is offered to have a table at the event. Chair Lord-Hausman asked who would be willing to staff the table, to which, Commissioners Franco and Tam confirmed their availability.

3-B. Commissioner Fruge inquired about adding sign language to Channel 15 and the local newspapers to which Secretary Akil responded that she will check with the City Clerk.

3-C. Commissioner Fruge inquired about installation of equipment for deaf in the event of a fire. Chair Lord-Hausman confirmed that there is a program through Alameda Fire Department and she will email Commissioner Fruge the contact information. Commissioner Tam stated he spoke with the Fire Chief who confirmed the grant funds are running low. There has been progress made, but these type of issues take time to resolve.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

4-A. Chair Lord-Hausman discussed her meeting with Public Works regarding the redesign of Webster Street intersection to ensure accessibility and pedestrian friendly (push button) signals.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- 5-A. Chair Lord-Hausman acknowledged that the September Mastick Senior Center event and the October Alameda Hospital Community Fair are outreach programs which the Commission will participate in.

Chair Lord-Hausman and Commissioner Fort participated in the Alameda County Pilot Volunteer Training Program.

- 5-B. Secretary Akil distributed the proposed schedule for Alameda Municipal Codes amendments and read an appreciation and thanks letter from Andrew Thomas, City Planner, regarding the CDI's work on the draft Universal Design Ordinance.

Chair Lord-Hausman acknowledged Commissioner Harp, Vice-Chair Deutsche and community member Stephen Beard, for their hard work on drafting the Universal Design Ordinance.

Chair Lord-Hausman requested that Commissioner Harp email the latest version of the Universal Design Ordinance to the Commission.

- 5-C. Chair Lord-Hausman acknowledged Public Works and Assistant City Manager, Alex Nguyen for their hard work, regarding the four new benches installed along Park Street. The City hopes to install more as funding becomes available. Commissioner Tam stated Mayor Gilmore acknowledged the benches at one of her community meetings.

- 5-D. None.

- 5-E. Chair Lord-Hausman stated she has attended and spoken at the Planning Board regarding Alameda Point and Alameda Landing, where Target is being proposed. Chair Lord-Hausman is hoping that accessible issues and designs are addressed. Commissioner Tam acknowledged that he attended a meeting regarding Alameda Landing and stated that staff is aware of ADA requirements and will adhere to those requirements.

Chair Lord-Hausman encouraged the Commission to acknowledge their presence as CDI members at various meetings in support of change and input.

Commissioner Tam stated he will mention the support at both the Kiwanis Club and Rotary regarding design and access.

**6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

6-A. Secretary Akil welcomed new Commissioner Wendy Wilkinson.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7-A. Commissioner Tam stated that within AUSD there is an increase in the ESL student population. They are trying to outreach to those families. Commissioner Tam welcomes any input from the Commission. Commissioner Franco suggested PTA input via parents.

7-B. Commissioner Harp attended the July 13, 2013 Jean Sweeney Open Space walkthrough. There is a Facebook –“Jean Sweeney” and they are looking for Community Volunteers. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that there is a Planning Committee working on the project, per Amy Wooldridge, Alameda Recreation and Park Department Director. Chair Lord-Hausman will invite Amy to the October Commission meeting.

7-C. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that Jackie Krause requested that the Commission make a presentation on what the Commission is working on or has completed at a Mastick Board Meeting. Chair Lord-Hausman will work with Bonnie Leber to schedule.

7-D. Chair Lord-Hausman suggested that the Commission recommend to City Council to send a letter of support to ratify a United Nations Treaty defending the rights of people with disabilities and to encourage other nations to match the standards set by the United States. Commissioner Warren stated she will work with Chair Lord-Hausman on the letter. Commissioner Franco will research the treaty and email the link to the Commission. The Commission supports the recommendation.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucretia Akil,  
Board Secretary