

UNAPPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
Tuesday, August 28, 2012 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M.

Present: Chair Lord-Hausman, Vice-Chair Harp, Commissioners Fort, Kirola, Warren, and Deutsch.

Absent: Commissioner Tam

2. MINUTES

2-A. The minutes were approved with changes.

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

John Knox-White/Planning Board acknowledged Chair Lord-Hausman's attendance at the August 27, 2012 Planning Board Meeting regarding the design construction at 1600 Park Street Development. He noted that her recommendations were accepted by the Planning Board.

JoanAnn Radu-Sinaiko (guest), Alameda resident, noted that delivery trucks have parked in disabled parking spaces and wondered if others had that experience? Chair Lord-Hausman indicated, « Yes, she had, at Bridgeside » and that the CDI would follow up.

Ann Steiner (guest) requested inviting the APD Chief to a Commission Meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. **CDI Restructuring** (Alex Nguyen, Deputy City Manager)

Chair Lord-Hausman introduced the Deputy City Manager Nguyen regarding restructuring. Deputy City Manager Nguyen stated that due to staff resources it is recommended to hold four (4) formal meetings a year. The Commission can hold work sessions where no formal votes can be taken.

Deputy City Manager agreed with nine (9) members

Commissioner Kirola asked for clarification regarding the difference between the formal meetings versus the working sessions, and Vice-Chair Harp asked if the working sessions would conform to the Brown Act, to which the Deputy City Manager stated he would clarify in writing what the working session rules are.

Ann Steiner asked if the work sessions would be staffed to which the Deputy City Manager stated no staffing would be present, but notes would be available.

Chair Lord-Hausman suggested a “January-April-July-October” schedule as a framework. Secretary Akil stated she will hold the fourth Mondays for both the formal meetings and work sessions.

Ann Steiner stated she is extremely alarmed at the last CDI Meeting Minutes and staff’s perception of the CDI overall and reducing the monthly meetings. Chair Lord-Hausman expressed her appreciation and acknowledged that it will be different but that as Chair, she has the ability to call a fifth meeting.

Vice-Chair Harp stated she would prefer six (6) to four (4) meetings

Commissioner Warren appreciates the four (4) meetings and the ability to have work sessions.

Secretary Akil discussed the elimination of the Assistant Risk Manager position, her promotion to Risk Manager and the very limited resources.

Commissioner Fort expressed his appreciation for allowing the members to remain at nine (9) to which Secretary Akil stated Deputy City Manager Nguyen made that possible.

4-B. **Park Street Benches** (Chair Lord-Hausman)

Chair Lord-Hausman stated she received a call from an elderly lady that there are no benches or rest spots along Park Street. Deputy City Manager Nguyen and Chair Lord-Hausman discussed. She has also reached out to the Park Street Business Association.

Deputy City Manager stated he and Secretary Akil also walked up and down Park Street and the project will be led by the CDI. Deputy City Manager also recommends the CDI reach out to other businesses for buy-in.

Chair Lord-Hausman will think of some next steps, forming a sub-committee and reaching out to other businesses.

JoanAnn suggested an “adopt a bench” for fundraising type of program.

Ann Steiner stated she had park benches donated in memory of someone as a method of raising money.

Deputy City Manager suggested focusing on getting the first few done on Park Street ASAP and then focus on fundraising later.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Universal Design Ordinance.

5-B. **Universal Design Work Group Update** (Chair Lord-Hausman)

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that things are going well.

Vice-Chair Harp stated that on July 3 and 17th the City Council discussed and passed the Housing Element with the suggested Universal Design language. The work group continues to meet regarding other cities' ordinances and proposed language

JoanAnn asked where would the language apply to which the Chair and Vice-Chair responded primarily housing.

Deputy City Manager Nguyen stated that the City is being sued by the East Bay Regional Park District and it could severely slow the project but it should not affect the CDI work.

5-C. **Disability Awareness Month** (Chair Lord-Hausman)

Banner Dates:

Chair Lord-Hausman stated the banner hanging dates are reserved:

September 11-25- Webster Street
October 2-16 Central/Oak Streets
October 16-23 Park/Webb Streets

Guest Editorial in "The Sun": Chair/Vice-Chair will write this together. Deputy City Manager suggested making the Park Street benches a theme with Disability Awareness Month.

Proclamation: Secretary Akil to follow up.

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

Commissioner Fort stated nothing to report other than Vice-Chair Harp's report out on the Housing Element.

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

Chair Lord-Hausman spoke at the August 27, 2012 Planning Board Meeting regarding the Lincoln / Park Street Development. She pointed out the need for a safe redesign of the Park and Lincoln Street intersection in anticipation of increased pedestrian activity. She also requested sidewalk benches be installed in front of the new development.

6. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary Akil announced that Public Works would like to use the CDI as a public meeting for potential installation of pedestrian accessible audio sounds at nine (9) intersections.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7-A. Next meeting: October 29, 2012, followed by December 3, 2012 (1st Monday).

7-B. Chair Lord-Hausman: Universal Design Committee - October 2, 2012 6:30 p.m. Secretary to find available public meeting room.

7-C. Commissioner Fort: Bus Stops: Cars parking too close- Chair Lord-Hausman will follow up with Chief Noonan.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary