

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
June 18, 2007**

TIME The meeting convened at 7:37 P.M.

PRESENT Chair Lord-Hausman, Commissioners Berger, Fort, Hakanson and Kirola

ABSENT Vice-Chair Moore and Commissioner Longley-Cook

MINUTES

The minutes of May 21, 2007 were approved with the following correction: Under Oral Communications, Commissioner Berger stated that the Board volunteers at three Crab Cove Concert events and one Alameda Hospital event.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There was no written communication.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Commissioner Appointments: (Chair Lord-Hausman/Secretary Akil)

Chair Lord-Hausman confirmed that the Mayor will make recommendations for nominations to the various Boards and Commissions at the June 19, 2007 City Council meeting and the official swearing in will take place at the July 3, 2007 meeting. Board members were encouraged to attend the July 3rd meeting for swearing in. Commissioner Fort inquired if the nominee has to be present to be sworn in. Secretary Akil responded that the nominee does not have to be present at the Council meeting, but must be sworn in officially by the City Clerk in order to be recognized as an official Board member.

2. Pedestrian Master Plan: (Chair Lord-Hausman)

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she is on the Task Force Committee to create and develop a Master Pedestrian Plan in Alameda, which would be comparable to the City's current Bicycle Master Plan. She distributed a survey which is also on the City's website. She encouraged the Board to complete the survey and inform as many members of the public to provide input as well, as the project is in the beginning stages and more public input is needed. Completed surveys are due by July 13, 2007 to the Public Works Department.

OLD BUSINESS

1. ADA/Commission on Disability Internet Link (Chair Lord-Hausman/Secretary Akil)

Secretary Akil distributed more information on disability resource links for possible inclusion into the update of the Commission's current City webpage. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that once fully updated, the Commission's webpage will provide a definition, purpose and additional links to various organizations and programs in the City and surrounding areas. The Chair requested that the Board review the latest disability resource link handout and provide any comments on what other information can be added to the existing webpage. The Chair and Board Secretary will meet with the Interim Information Technology Director to get the update started.

2. Changing the Start Time of Board Meetings (Chair Lord-Hausman/Secretary Akil)

The Board has recommended approving changing the start time of the monthly meetings from 7:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. beginning July 23, 2007. Secretary Akil will contact the newly appointed Board members to confirm the new start time. Commissioner Bunker contacted Board Secretary Akil of his resignation from the Commission, effective June 1, 2007 and therefore would not be affected by the time change of the meetings.

3. Brown Act Training (Secretary Akil)

The Board has confirmed the date of the Brown Act training, which will be on July 23, 2007 to be conducted by the City Attorney.

4. Central Ave Construction Concern (Chair Lord-Hausman)

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the Public Works Department resolved the first portion of the construction activity concern by directing the contractor to move the construction fence as far back (i.e. towards the building) as possible to allow maximum access for pedestrian safety and to resolve the ramp structure to prevent tripping. Completion of the sidewalk safety concern will be resolved after the contractor obtains the necessary permits for the installation of a sewer lateral and new gas, water and fire services to the building.

5. **Draft Transportation Element for General Plan Amendment California Environmental Quality Act Review (Secretary Akil/Chair Lord-Hausman)**

Secretary Akil distributed the June 19, 2007 City Council staff report, in which the recommendation seeks the Board's comments and input on the Draft Transportation Element for General Plan Amendment CEQA review. The latest updates to the draft plan focuses primarily on policy and procedure for future implementation. The Board was requested to provide all comments on the plan by the next meeting date which is July 23, 2007.

6. **Crab Cove Concerts (Chair Lord-Hausman)**

Commissioner Berger confirmed that she and Commissioner Longley-Cook would staff the July 13, 2007 weekend concert event. Commissioner Hakanson agreed to staff the August 10, 2007 event.

7. **Disability Awareness Month (Vice Chair Moore)**

In Vice-Chair Moore's absence, it was recommended that the item be continued to the July 23, 2007 meeting. It was requested that Vice-Chair Moore provide the Board with an update on the tree planting options and contact with Roberta Rockwell of the Miracle League Baseball.

8. **Commissioner Duties (Chair Lord-Hausman)**

Chair Lord-Hausman stated she is now on the distribution list to receive the monthly Planning Board minutes. There is no news on the Transportation Commission and the new Commissioner appointment dates for the next two Council meetings will be June 19 and July 3, 2007.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Commission Budget**

The Board inquired as to whether or not a budget exists for minor expenditures for Board activities. Secretary Akil stated that she would check to determine if there exists a budget and get back to the Board at a later date.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Appreciation of Former Commissioners:

The Board has elected to recognize former Chair Ed Cooney and Commissioner Charles Bunker for each of their many years of service on the Commission. Secretary Akil distributed copies of a sample Mayoral Proclamation for consideration. Chair Lord-Hausman will get the information for each proclamation and forward that back to Secretary Akil to finalize. The Board also requested that the proclamation for Mr. Cooney be done in Braille as well as Standard English. The Board agreed to present the proclamations to Mr. Cooney and Mr. Bunker at the July 23, 2007 meeting. Secretary Akil will invite former Board Secretary Ed Sommerauer to the meeting for the presentation.

2. Disability Access Resource Guide:

Chair Lord Hausman distributed draft copies of the Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) Resource Guide provided by its Board Secretary, Melissa Jones of the Development Services Department (DSD). The Chair requested that the Board provide input on the draft resource guide as soon as possible, as the SSHRB will finalize the guide soon. Commissioner Berger suggested that someone contact Alameda County Public Health Department as that organization provides a number of contact information for various key organizations throughout the area. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she would inform Melissa Jones/DSD of this information.

3. PAPCO:

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that Barry Bergman of the Public Works Department confirmed that they have identified a possible representative to participate on the PAPCO Commission. She will follow up to confirm that has been done.

4. Commissioner Absences:

Commissioner Berger reiterated the need for consistent attendance and Chair Lord-Hausman reminded that the Commissioners need to call the Board Secretary for non-attendance. Chair Lord-Hausman stated she would contact those Commissioners who have not abided by these policies.

5. Construction Safety Complaints:

Commissioner Berger suggested that we need to educate the public on who to call for possible construction complaints. Chair Lord-Hausman responded that Pedestrian Friendly Alameda has such a list on its website regarding who to call for these types of complaints and suggested that the list also be included on the Commissioner's webpage.

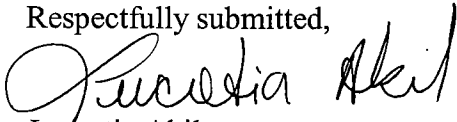
6. AC Transit Access Issues:

Commissioner Hakanson stated that the curb sites in Alameda are not working out for AC Transit bus ramps for wheel chair access. Chair Lord-Hausman responded that she will invite Susan Decker, Alameda Transit Advocates and Elsa Ortiz, AC Transit Board of Supervisors to the August 27, 2007 Board meeting to discuss these issues. The Chair indicated that Ms. Decker has worked with the City and AC Transit on bus stops towards increasing red zones for better access.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 23, 2007, 6:30 P.M. in Room 360 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucretia Akil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucretia" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Akil".

Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary