

UNAPPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
June 25, 2012

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M.

Present: Chair Lord-Hausman, Vice-Chair Harp, Commissioner Fort, Tam, and Deutsch.

Absent: Commissioners Krongold, Moore, and Kirola

2. MINUTES

2-A. The minutes were approved with changes.

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

3-A. Guests : Steven Baird, Matthew Fitzgerald, and Ruthann Crawford

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. Alameda Fire Department Safety Assessments and Minor Accessibility Modifications
(Ruthann Crawford, HUD funding)

Ruthann Crawford stated that Chief D'Orazi is providing HUD funding for the Alameda Safety & Accessibility Program. A.S.A.P provides installation of ramps, doorways, countertops, etc. for people with special needs at no cost to the citizen. All citizens of Alameda are able to participate if they earn moderate income. Most elderly and disabled qualify for this program.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked about the success rate of the program to which Crawford replied they are trying to create outreach programs to gain better recognition. Crawford had already contacted former A.S.A.P participants and seniors in Alameda. She had also posted information on the City's website and she wants to next meet with Alameda Sun.

Chair Lord-Hausman added that Alameda Municipal Power and Alameda Food Bank may be able to write about A.S.A.P. to which Commissioner Tam commented Meals on Wheels and local churches (i.e. Buena Vista Church) can be good resources as well.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that Mastick Senior Center and Alameda Multicultural Center (Zoe Holder) would be good places to outreach to.

Crawford wants to target the lower income population because those with higher income may already have all these installations in their homes.

Chair-Lord Hausman thanked Ruthann Crawford for her presentation and inclusion of the CDI in the process.

5. OLD BUSINESS

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

Chair Lord-Hausman presented a draft mission statement written by Commissioner Deutsch regarding respecting people with disabilities in the community.

Vice-Chair Harp added an ending sentence to the draft mission statement.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated she sent CDI member feedback drafts on potential reorganization to the Assistant City Manager but has not heard back.

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

Chair Lord-Hausman, Vice-Chair Harp, and Commissioner Deutsch are working to develop ordinance language and gathering information from other cities regarding universal design.

Commissioner Deutsch created a Universal Design Wish List including jobs such as: side and front entrances to homes should have slopes instead of steps, homes should have an accessible door bell to children and people in wheelchairs, accessible light switches, varied countertop heights, wider doorways and hallways for wheelchair accessibility, lever door handles, adjustable showers/cabinets/drawers/etc.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that it is important to make projects accessible to everyone; those with physical limitations and those without.

Vice-Chair Harp stated that the Planning Board meeting discussed Housing Element approved universal design language through 2014 with State laws and funding. However, Zoning Ordinance changes are needed. Andrew Thomas fully supports this. The next Planning Board meeting will be Wed, July 17th.

Commissioner Tam added San Jose State has an Occupational Therapy Department that may have an area on universal design which may be beneficial.

Commissioner Deutsch stated there are O.T. programs everywhere. The closest one is in Oakland, Samuel Merritt University.

5-C. City Council Meetings Report (Commissioner Fort):

Commissioner Fort reported nothing from the City Council meeting but there was a loud buzz on the recorder which made it difficult to listen to. Lori Amaya was asked to take care of the buzzing issue.

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

See Vice Chair Harp's report under 5-B

6. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7-A. There were no announcements from the commission, but Chair Lord-Hausman asked if there was anything that the audience would like to add. Matthew Fitzgerald read his letter (forwarded to Lucretia)

7-B Chair Lord-Hausman then mentioned the transportation commission meetings were being held on Wednesday nights regarding pedestrian and bicycle crosswalk, lights, and lane projects.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary