

ITEM 2-A
The Chair's Notes
CDI Retreat March 11, 2017
At Mastick Senior Center 10am to 2pm

Present were Vice Chair Brillinger, Commissioner Linton, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Aghapekian, Chair Kenny
Commissioner Tsztoo was present 10am till 12pm, and Commissioner Lewis 12pm to 2pm.

Also present was Joseph Paratansky a Human-Disability Rights Advocate.

The retreat started with each attendee stating one thing in the next year he/she is excited for personally and with the CDI.

Next the Commissioners discussed possible changes and additions to bylaws. The Commissioners decided not to change the bylaws to allow chair to sign petitions that directly impact persons with disability. These items should be brought to CDI meeting so entire Commission can weigh in. If time sensitive and important enough a special meeting can be called.

The Commissioners did decide to give individual Commissioners the power to act as a liaison between CDI and his/her assigned Board or Commission. Commissioners should be bringing any and all pertinent received from the assigned Board or Commission to the CDI meeting. Commissioner must not voice opinions on behalf of the CDI unless specifically asked to by the CDI. Chair Kenny will draft the language for the addition to the bylaws and CDI will vote at our April meeting.

The Commissioners then went quickly through any questions on the Brown Act and Sunshine Ordinance. When discussing Parliamentary Procedure it was decided each commissioner will be asked for comments/questions after presentations.

The commissioners broke into two groups to discuss the following:

- *What do you think is working well with the organization?*
- *What would you like to see the organization do more of, do better or do differently?*
- *What do you think the organization should stop doing?*
- *What are three things the organization should focus on over the next 12 months?*
- *What is your vision for this organization over the next three years?*
- *What would help you feel more engaged and useful as a board member?*
- *What would help the board work even more effectively together*

A lunch break was taken and after lunch the group came together and discussed what came out in the small group discussions. The main themes of the discussion were increasing visibility of CDI and creating more connections with the

organizations in Alameda that serve persons with disabilities. Several commissioners expressed a desire for the commission to meet more often.

Next up were the Commission Sub group Updates

- UDO
- Events
- Disaster

Finally, we reviewed what actions needed to be taken and the goals going forward.