

APPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
Monday, October 28, 2013 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Present: Chair Lord-Hausman, Vice Chair Deutsche, Commissioners Fort (6:45 p.m.), Fruge, Harp, Tam, Warren, and Wilkinson.

Absent: Commissioner Franco

2. MINUTES

2-A. Approved with one change to 7-B.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5-B. Andrew Thomas provided an update on the status of the Universal Design Ordinance. He hopes to go before the Planning Board with the final ordinance in January for public hearings. Mr. Thomas confirmed that Board Secretary Akil will be kept current. Mr. Thomas also acknowledged that the Planning Board will also consider a Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance in the near future.

Commissioner Harp asked if the two ordinances would be combined, to which Mr. Thomas responded they will be two separate ordinances presented together.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-B. Eric Fonstein, CDD Manager, provided a presentation on the conveyance, planning entitlement process, developer design and approvals schedule and information on the 2015-16 construction schedule for Alameda Point.

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

3-A. Carol Gottstein stated that she asked one year ago for the City Manager's Office to dedicate a third disabled parking space for the City Hall Parking Lot.

4. NEW BUSINESS Cont.

4-A. Amy Wooldridge discussed the conceptual plan for the Alameda Jean Sweeney Open Space Park plan for the City. Ms. Wooldridge acknowledged that the CDI is just to see the

conceptual plan and an online survey will be available on October 29, 2013. The plan has to be presented to multiple Boards and Commissions before final presentation to City Council. The project is unfunded and will be developed in phases.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked if the playgrounds could be accessible for disabled children to which Ms. Wooldridge responded this design is more natural and an accessible playground could be applied for a different park.

Chair Lord-Hausman confirmed that there would be benches which will be accessible, to which Ms. Wooldridge conformed that will happen during the later phases.

The Commission acknowledged the draft plan looks good.

Bill Delaney, Chair, of Recreation and Park Commission stated that great sensitivity will be given to the trees and plants so that the natural uses will remain in place.

Commissioner Tam complimented Ms. Wooldridge for her efforts.

Board Secretary Akil to email Ms. Wooldridge all CDI members email addresses in order to receive updates regarding Sweeney Park.

Chair Lord-Hausman suggested that there be some buildings similar to the Ellington on Broadway in Oakland with respect to the housing configuration. The Ellington is completely accessible and well designed.

5. OLD BUSINESS Cont.

5-A. Chair Lord-Hausman acknowledged the banners and the Council presented the Disability Awareness Month Proclamation at the October 1, 2013 City Council meeting.

5-C. Chair Lord-Hausman acknowledged that Mastick Senior Center had its Open House Resource Fair which had representation from the CDI.

Chair Lord-Hausman acknowledged that the benches installed along Park Street have been well received with the exception of the one near a bar which will have to be removed and/or relocated.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated there is a sandwich board sign ordinance in place to ensure accessibility along the path of sidewalk travel.

5-D. Commissioner Fort stated he listened to the Mayor's Proclamation for Disability Awareness

month.

- 5-E. Chair Lord-Hausman acknowledged that the Planning Board has many items on the agenda regularly including Alameda Point and multiple ordinances.

There will also be a redesign of the intersection of Park Street and Lincoln Avenue as part of the new development of Walgreens.

Commissioner Tam stated he sits on the Governance Committee that includes business owners and invited the Commission to speak on any accessibility concerns. Chair Lord-Hausman requested Commissioner Wilkinson check with the Commission in Oakland to see what interface they have with business districts.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7-A. Commissioner Fruge thanked Chair Lord-Hausman for the contact from the Fire Department regarding accessibility items.
- 7-B. Commissioner Tam stated that Interim Chief of Police will send staff to talk with the CDI once the Capon Development project is complete.
- 7-C. Commissioner Warren stated the walkway access along Marina Village has doubled.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lucretia Akil,
Board Secretary