

UNAPPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
Monday, January 28, 2013 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, Deutsch, and Tam

Absent: none

2. MINUTES

- 2-A. The minutes were approved with three changes.

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

Gail Payne of Public Works acknowledged that the Transportation Commission approved the audible accessible pedestrian signals.

Chair Lord-Hausman introduced Bonnie Leber who will be liaison to the CDI for the Mastick Senior Center Board.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4-A. Election of Officers (Secretary Akil)
Vote on election of officers.

Commissioner Deutsch made a motion to nominate Chair Lord-Hausman as Chair of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warren, which carried a unanimous voice vote – 7.

Vice-Chair Harp made a motion to nominate Commissioner Deutsch as Vice-Chair of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warren, which carried a unanimous voice vote – 7.

- 4-B. Paratransit Modifications (Gail Payne, Public Works)

Gail Payne from Public Works gave a presentation on the Paratransit Program. She reviewed the six recommendations set forth, and further recommended that the program stay intact.

Vice-Chair Harp acknowledged that the report was well prepared and there seems to be an increase in ridership. It is an excellent idea to open the ridership up to all users.

Commissioner Warren asked about the marketing/outreach for the service to which Gail stated they have been working with the AP Collaborative as well as contacts through various non-profits.

Commissioner Warren asked about the height of benches at the transit stops to which Gail stated they will do an average (of height regarding disabled patron) when installing benches. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that average height is 17 inches. Another concern is whether the bench has arms.

The Commission approved the recommendations presented by the Public Works staff report, which carried a unanimous voice vote – 7.

4-C. Shoreline / Westline Drive Bikeway Project Redesign (Gail Payne, Public Works)

Gail Payne from the Public Works department gave a presentation regarding the specifics of the proposed Shoreline/Westline Drive Bikeway Project.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked if the cycle track is on the beach path and if parking would be further down that track to which Gail stated parking would be on the left side of the travel path.

Chair Lord-Hausman expressed safety concerns for peds/disabled when not only crossing the street lanes but also having to be aware of two-way bicycle traffic and asked if the bicyclists will be aware of peds crossing the track.

Commissioner Warren asked where would parking be available for the North side of Shoreline/Westline to which Gail stated parking would be available anywhere on the street.

Commissioner Warren asked if lighting would be added along the crossing to which Gail stated colored pavement would be used for night-time crossing.

Chair Lord-Hausman acknowledged that the public will have to be educated on the re-design of the entire Shoreline/Westline proposed changes.

Commissioner Tam stated that there will definitely need to be re-education but it is a comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Deutsch asked if there would be additional stop signs to which Gail responded there would be none.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Chair Lord-Hausman stated she would like the CDI to think about goals for 2013. Chair Lord-Hausman also reviewed the 2012 goals and objectives accomplished.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked Commissioner Tam to work with Alameda Police Department regarding sensitivity training for the Capon Housing Project to which he agreed.

The Chair stated the Universal Design Ordinance is moving forward along with Park Street Bench Project and working with Mastick Senior Center.

Vice-Chair Harp stated there has been an increased interest in the CDI.

5-B. Universal Design Work Group Update (Vice Chair Harp)

Vice-Chair Harp stated the work group met on January 14th and will have the final draft available in February.

5-C. Park Street Bench Project (Chair Lord-Hausman)

Chair Lord-Hausman stated the project is moving along slowly. Chair Lord-Hausman will check with Public Works Director, Matt Naclerio on the progress. Chair Lord-Hausman asked Commissioner Warren to be the liaison with Public Works on the project.

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

Commissioner Fort stated that there is nothing to report.

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

Chair Lord-Hausman stated there is a lot of development going on including Alameda Landing Boat Works. The development of the Universal Design Ordinance is paramount to the timing of their development projects.

6. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS** (Secretary Akil)

Secretary Akil requested that the CDI decide the meeting schedule for 2013. The CDI agreed that the next meeting will be Monday, April 22, 2013 and will decide on future meetings at that time.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7-A. Commissioner Deutsch stated that the Market Place on Park Street installed automatic doors.

7-B. Chair Lord-Hausman stated there will be community meetings and there is an online survey regarding the Alameda Belt Line open space project.

7-C. Chair Lord-Hausman stated she and Commissioner Fort have attended the Risk Based Pilot Project held at Mastick in order to develop a Pilot Project Program to reach the vulnerable population in Alameda in the event of a disaster.

Commissioner Warren asked when the meetings are scheduled to which the Chair stated they meet during the week in the mornings.

Commissioner Fort stated there is a lot of effort to making people more aware.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary