

**APPROVED**  
**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**March 23, 2009**

**TIME**           The meeting convened at 7:03 P.M.

**PRESENT**       Chair Lord-Hausman, Commissioners Fort, Longley-Cook, Kirola, Kreitz and Krongold.

**ABSENT**       Vice-Chair Moore and Commissioner Berger

**MINUTES**

The February 23, 2009 minutes were approved with corrections.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no written communications.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700 (Board Secretary):**

Secretary Akil distributed the annual Statement of Economic Interest forms, covering the period for January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, for the Commissioner's to complete and sign.

**2. Presentation on Annual Paratransit Program Application for 2009/2010 (Public Works):**

Gail Payne, Transportation Coordinator for the Public Works Department discussed the renewal and application process for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. The program is funded through the Transportation Sales Tax and there is one mandatory line-item designated for Paratransit. The presentation topics included the service description, objectives, customer satisfaction survey results, needs identification, planning process, marketing and funding overview.

Secretary Akil asked how many agencies responded to the bid to provide Paratransit services to which Ms. Payne responded two, Welcome Transportation and Friendly.

Commissioner Krongold asked if Welcome Transportation's vehicle fleet is as large as Friendly to which Ms. Payne stated that they (Welcome Transp.) has a fleet of vehicles.

Commissioner Krongold asked if the budget for marketing is \$19,000 every year as stated in the staff report, to which Ms. Payne responded that budget is not for marketing, but is designated for customer service, outreach and Mastick Senior Center staffing.

With no further questions, Chair Lord-Hausman thanked Ms. Payne for the presentation.

Ms. Payne also acknowledged that Chair Lord-Hausman has agreed to be the PAPCO's City of Alameda representative.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Special Needs-Special Services Resource Fair (Commissioners Krongold/Kreitz):**

Secretary Akil informed the Commission that they could do fundraising for the fair if the City Manager's office was in agreement with that effort and provided that there is sufficient staffing from the finance department to support the activity. Secretary Akil also reminded the Commission that they are an advisory body to Council and tasked with making recommendations regarding disability issues to Council. The Commission should discuss whether or not to go ahead with a fair and then vote on whether to convey that intent to Council as they (Council) should be made aware of what the Commission wants to do. This communication could happen through an off-agenda report or presentation during a City Council meeting.

Commissioner Kreitz suggested that the CDI forward an off-agenda memo to Council informing them of the proposed fair.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she would support a short presentation to Council for the sake of publicity and the value of visibility. Chair Lord-Hausman suggested that an off-agenda be sent first and then in August the CDI should request the item be placed on the Council agenda for a September meeting date.

Commissioner Kirola asked if the City would take any portion of the money raised by the CDI to which Secretary Akil responded that she did not know if that would happen.

Commissioner Longley-Cook stated that the Special Needs Fair should focus on services in Alameda to which Commissioner Kreitz stated that they started with local resources and it morphed with other agencies.

Commissioner Kreitz stated that people within the City use these other outside agencies.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that there are not enough agencies in Alameda to meet the needs of the disabled community so we have to draw from the County.

Commissioner Krongold stated the work group brainstormed the list and requested that the CDI provide any additional agencies or groups to which they did. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the list is good and the CDI should proceed with the recommended additions to the list.

Commissioner Krongold stated the work group would draft a registration form and cover letter for the next CDI meeting for review and discussion.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked if the CDI could use the City emblem for various correspondence for the fair to which Secretary Akil responded that she would check with the City Attorney's office. Chair Lord-Hausman also requested that the registration forms be mailed to City Hall to which Secretary Akil agreed, but that all contact information should identify a CDI name and telephone number for all questions. Secretary Akil agreed to forward all registration forms back to the CDI member in charge of the fair.

**2. Commission Disability Internet Webpage (Chair Lord-Hausman/Secretary Akil):**

This item is on hold due to on-going funding and budgeting issues.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

There was no staff communications.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Commissioner Krongold stated that there will be a March 28<sup>th</sup> event at College of Alameda for student's transitioning from K-12 to Community college. There are a number of agencies involved addressing both social and transitional issues. There will be a variety of sessions from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and the cost is \$5.00. Chair Lord-Hausman provided the specific time of the event and registration which is from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
2. Commissioner Kreitz acknowledged that this is her last meeting and thanked the Commission for their time and will be available to help on the fair to which Chair Lord-Hausman thanked her for her involvement and time.
3. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that a press release went out by the City Clerk's office announcing openings on the CDI. Commissioner Krongold provided Chair Lord-Hausman with two prospective names to contact for possible interest in the Commission.
4. Chair Lord-Hausman confirmed that she has agreed to represent the City of Alameda on both PAPCO and ACTIA which meets the fourth Monday in the afternoon.
5. Chair Lord-Hausman provided information on accessible traveling from a magazine based out of San Francisco. The link is [www.emerginghorizons.com](http://www.emerginghorizons.com).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil  
Board Secretary