

APPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
Monday, January 27, 2014 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

Present: Chair Lord-Hausman, Vice-Chair Deutsch, Commissioners Fort, Franco, Fruge, Harp, Tam, and Wilkinson

Absent: Commissioner Warren

2. MINUTES

2-A. Approval of Minutes for the October 28, 2013 meeting.

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

3-A. Bonnie Leber stated that her developmentally disabled daughter has been experiencing issues with transportation services provided by the Regional Center of the East Bay. Ms. Leber contacted the Regional Center and requested a copy of the contract with MV Transportation with Regional Center and has had no response from the Regional Center or the transportation company and requested if the CDI could assist. The CDI recommended contacting local and county appointed officials for assistance, as well as DREDF. The Chair of the Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Stephen Beard, suggested contacting Sandi Soliday, Coordinator of the County's Developmental Disabilities Council.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-B. Mr. Thomas discussed the Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance regarding existing housing, whereby anyone with a disability needing to make changes to their home could seek a variance in order to make modifications to accommodate their disability. This proposal could allow the Planning Director to sign off on such items without a full hearing before the Planning Board, as would normally be required for a variance from building codes, so it would make the process of providing home modifications less onerous for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked if this would apply to aging in place residents, to which Mr. Thomas confirmed it does apply.

Vice-Chair Deutsch asked if it applied to inside and outside, to which Mr. Thomas said it applies to the exterior.

Commissioner Harp expressed concern about the wording in a section of the draft ordinance that seemed to require an applicant to supply personal medical information, to which Mr. Thomas confirmed that the City does not need medical information and will modify the language so it asks for details on the manner in which the accommodation would support an Activity of Daily Living or functional need.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5-B. Chair Lord-Hausman asked for an update regarding the Universal Design Ordinance. Mr. Thomas stated he's hoping to have it in front of the Planning Board in the Spring.

4. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

- 4-A. Commissioner Tam nominated Commissioner Harp for Chair. Vice-Chair Deutsch seconded the nomination, which carried a unanimous vote – 7.

Chair Lord-Hausman nominated Commissioner Wilkinson for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Fort seconded the nomination, which carried a unanimous vote – 7.

- 4-C. Ms. Payne presented the update and recommended changes to the Paratransit Program. Ms. Payne stated that it would be beneficial to increase ridership for both the shuttle and taxi programs so as to reduce the cost per rider or trip.

Commissioner Harp asked if Mastick does any travel training to which Ms. Payne responded that there is a volunteer at Mastick who does informal training and there was a previous training done at Mastick. Commissioner Harp noted that some of the other cities in the county (e.g., Fremont) use funds to provide travel training for their programs, and also suggested following up with Anthem Blue Shield and Alameda Alliance, based on additions to the Medicare/Medicaid ridership reimbursement component that will be included in the Coordinated Care Initiative later this year. Chair Lord-Hausman noted that Alameda Alliance has been a co-sponsor for some of our outreach activities in the past.

5. OLD BUSINESS (Cont.)

- 5-A. Chair Lord-Hausman recommends the new Chair, and Vice-Chair review these objectives and that all Commissioners prepare to discuss our annual goals at the next meeting.
- 5-C. Commissioner Fort had no report.
- 5-D. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance will be presented at the February 10, 2014 Planning Board Meeting.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Akil distributed the email list and requested that the CDI sign off on their Form 700's.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7-A. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the City Hall parking lot has increased its number of disabled parking spaces by 1.
- 7-B. Chair Lord-Hausman stated she had received a letter from a resident indicating Café Jolie is encroaching onto the City sidewalk, to which Secretary Akil stated Code Enforcement has been notified and it will address the issue.
- 7-C. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the Jack Capon housing development has been completed and will request a walk-through for interested CDI members.
- 7-D. Commissioner Harp stated that the AT Network web training on Section 504 accommodations for students is February 6, 2014 and distributed a flier.
- 7-E. Commissioner Harp discussed some education training for disabled through the CDSS.
- 7-F. Secretary Akil requested the remaining meeting dates, to which the Commission agreed to meet next on March 24 or April 28th.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucretia Akil,
Board Secretary