



Commission on Disability ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 20, 2016

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue (at MLK)
Berkeley, CA

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Martha Singer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:37 PM

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Leeder, Singer, Walsh, Upadhyay (Arr. 6:40),
Weiss (Arr. 6:45). Absent: Graham (L/A) and Murray (L/A)

Staff Present: Carmella Rejwan, Office of Access Services
Guest: 0

3. Public Comment (on items not on the Agenda): Speakers: 2

4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes:

Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Singer/Leeder) Unanimous to approve the Minutes of January 20, 2016.

Ayes: Leeder, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, and Weiss. Noes:0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0.
Motion passed (5-0-0-0.)

Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Singer/Walsh) Unanimous to approve the minutes of February 17, 2016 as amended.

Ayes: Leeder, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, and Weiss. Noes:0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0.
Motion passed (5-0-0-0.)

5. Approval and Order of Agenda:

Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Weiss/Walsh) Unanimous to remove item B1.

Ayes: Leeder, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, and Weiss. Noes:0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
Motion passed (5-0-0-0.)

Action: It was moved, seconded and carried (Weiss/Walsh) to move item B7 ahead of item B6.

Ayes: Leeder, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, and Weiss. Noes:0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
Motion passed (5-0-0-0.)

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6. Update by Administration/Staff: None

7. Announcements:

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Election of Chairperson.

Item removed.

2. Paratransit information Report

Action: No Action Taken

3. Universal Design:

a. Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Weiss/Walsh) to approve the cover letter, as written and transmit to City Council with the article called "What is Universal Design" by Polly Welsh, publisher Adaptive Environments Center, item B3b. The cover letter to be in an accessible format with a Sans Serif font minimum 18 points. Ayes: Leeder, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, and Weiss. Noes:0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Motion passed (5-0-0-0.)

b. Action: It was moved seconded, carried (Weiss/Leeder) to recommend to City Council to increase the number of accessible parking spaces at the Center Street Garage Replacement Project from sixteen to twenty one. Ayes: Leeder, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, and Weiss. Noes:0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Motion passed (5-0-0-0)

c. Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Weiss/Walsh) to send a letter from the Commission on Disability to City Council as soon as possible advising Council of the forthcoming Council item regarding increasing accessible parking at the Center Street Garage Ayes: Leeder, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, and Weiss. Noes:0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Motion passed (5-0-0-0)

d. Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Walsh/Leeder) that the Commission on Disability authorizes commissioners Leeder and Walsh to represent the COD at the Transportation Commission Meeting of April 21, 2016 regarding accessible parking at the Center Street Garage Replacement. Ayes: Leeder, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, and Weiss. Noes:0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Motion passed (5-0-0-0)

4. Establish New Subcommittees

No Action Taken.

5. Impacts of Bicyclists and Bicycle Traffic on Vulnerable Pedestrian Populations.

No Action Taken.

6. Annual Work Plan:

Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Weiss/Walsh) Unanimous to adopt the Work Plan as amended by Commissioner Weiss:

1. Accessible parking, transportation, sidewalks, and pedestrian safety.
Identify access challenges, develop recommendations in coordination with Public Works Commission, track and advise Council on relevant state level or other legislative activities.
2. Universal Design (UD)
Gather Berkeley-specific data on current status and develop recommendations for inclusion and application of UD and Visitability principles and standards in all relevant and applicable City policy, operations, programs and activities.
3. Service Animals Welcome in Berkeley
Educate, advocate and advise Council/staff on full implementation including Business Improvement District (BID) training, production and distribution of *Service Animals Welcome* signs and annual distribution of informational materials to all Business License holders.
4. Accessible website and digital media
Review current status and develop recommendations regarding the City website as an accessible, user friendly source of information, and tool for communication and implementation of City programs and services.
5. Emergency/Disaster Preparedness
Receive information and updates ongoing, participate and make recommendations as appropriate about Berkeley's BEACON and CERT programs.
6. Peace and Justice Commission (PJ&C) Subcommittee Committee on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons with Disabilities (CRDP)
Coordinate with PJ&C to develop recommendations for Berkeley-specific activities to further the goals of the CRPD.
7. Annual Community Input Process
Develop outreach and identify processes and activities to ensure community input regarding the work of the COD.
8. Easy Does It (EDI)
Receive updates on EDI services. Respond to City staff requests for COD input and recommendations to support the provision of vital emergency and supportive services for people with disabilities.
9. Accessible and Affordable Housing and Services
10. Education, Employment and Other Access Issues for Persons with Disabilities
Ayes: Leeder, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, and Weiss. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent:0 Motion passed (5-0-0-0)

7. Service Animals Welcome:

a. Provision of Educational Material per Resolution 65,751 N.S.

1. Preparation of signs for distribution

Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Leeder/ Upadhyay) to have staff proceed with printing of two thousand 5.5x7.25 decals per Commissioner Weiss description, item B7a1.1 and per Commissioner Walsh design.

Ayes: Leeder, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, and Weiss. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent:0 Motion passed (5-0-0-0)

2. City of Berkeley Web site. The City Web Site has been updated to accommodate Commissioner Weiss paragraph including language approved by the Commission on Disability..

b. Training for Public Accommodations in Berkeley
No Action Taken.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Information items can be moved to Discussion or Action by majority vote.

- 1) Impacts of Bicyclists and Bicycle Traffic on Vulnerable Pedestrian Populations Status Update. Commissioner Graham gave update on her meeting with the Transportation Commission.
- 2) Berkeley Research Collaborative. Status Update.
No update.
- 3) Legislative Update
No update
- 4) Subcommittee Reports:
 1. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
 2. Accessible Transportation, Parking, Sidewalks and Pedestrian Safety
 3. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittees

D. COMMUNICATIONS

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Establish new subcommittees
2. Universal Design-Erick Mikiten.
3. Educational issues- Michai Freeman.
3. Easy Does It Emergency Services, Quarterly Report (Nikki Brown-Booker).
4. Pacific ADA Center-Jan Garrett

F. ADJOURNMENT

Moved, Seconded, Carried (Leeder/Walsh) to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.
Ayes: Leeder, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, and Weiss. Noes:0 Abstain: 0 Absent:0
Motion passed (5-0-0-0)

Public Present: 3 Total Speakers: 2

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Minutes on the web:

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