



## Commission on Disability ACTION MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

May 18, 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 6:33 PM

##### 2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Graham, Murray (Arr.: 6:50), Singer, Walsh, Weiss.

Commissioners Absent: Leeder (L/A),

Staff Present: Carmella Rejwan, Office of Access Services

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

Speakers: 1

##### 4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes:

Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Weiss/Graham) Unanimous to approve the Minutes of April 20<sup>th</sup> as amended.

Ayes: Graham, Murray, Singer, Walsh, Weiss. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0.

Motion passed (5-0-0-0.)

##### 5. Approval and Order of Agenda:

##### 6. Update by Administration/Staff: None

##### 7. Announcements:

#### B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

##### 1. Universal Design

###### a. Speaker: Erick Mikiten, Architect.

Erick Mikiten, Architect gave a presentation showing two projects designed by his firm that implemented universal design.

Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Weiss/Walsh) to transmit to Council the following items as follow up information on Universal Design:

1. Quick-notes, a publication by the American Planning Advisory Service. (B1b.1).

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2. Draft for Universal Use-Zoning for Universal Design and Visitability, by Jennifer S. Evans-Cowley, PhD. Aicp. (B1b.2).  
Ayes: Graham, Singer, Walsh, Weiss. Noes: 0 Abstain: Murray Absent: 0.  
Motion passed (4-0-1-0.)

**b. Review/approve informational communications to Council Members.**

Staff reported that the Information Council item concerning Universal Design Action Item B3a of April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was submitted to City Clerk and is going through the review process. The Motion was added to the report under BACKGROUND. It is scheduled for the June 14 Council meeting\*.

**2. Annual Review and Establish New Subcommittees**

Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Graham/Walsh) to create the following subcommittees:

- a. Subcommittee: Accessible transportation. Commissioners: Graham, Leeder and Walsh.
- b. Subcommittee: Rights of persons with disabilities. Commissioners: Weiss, Walsh and Leeder.

Ayes: Graham, Murray, Singer, Walsh, Weiss. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0.  
Motion passed (5-0-0-0.)

**3. Impacts of Bicyclists and Bicycle Traffic on Vulnerable Pedestrian Populations.**

No Update.

**4. City Center Garage Construction Parking Mitigation Plan**

Keith Brown, Architect and partner at CMA, Management Company for the Center Street Garage gave a presentation concerning accessible parking in Center Street Garage. The building meets code requirement. He suggested that staff check with the Permit Center whether they would approve additional accessible parking in the upper floors even though they don't meet height requirements.

No action was taken.

**5. Service Animals Welcome:**

- a. Distribution of Service Animals Welcome Signs.

Staff presented the final sample for the decals. No objection was presented.

No action taken.

- b. Possible Recommendation to Council for ADA- training on Service Animals for public accommodations, public conveyances.

No Update.

**C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS** Berkeley Research

- 1) Berkeley Research Collaborative.
- 2) Legislative update

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- 3) Educational Access.
- 4) Subcommittee Reports:  
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- 5) Draft Council Communication item from April 20<sup>th</sup>, Action item B3a,  
concerning Universal Design.  
See update of item B1b.

#### **D. COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Impact of Bicyclists and Bicycle Traffic on Vulnerable Pedestrian Populations.  
Commissioner Graham.
2. Possible Recommendation to Council for ADA - Training on Service Animals for public accommodations, public conveyances, city departments
3. Easy Does It Emergency Services, Quarterly Report (Nikki Brown-Booker).
4. Educational issues- Michai Freeman.
- 5) Accessible Website, Digital Media and Information Technology
6. US Census Access

#### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved, Seconded, Carried (Walsh/Murray) to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.  
Ayes: Graham, Murray, Singer, Walsh, Weiss. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. Motion passed (5-0-0-0).

Public Present: 3      Total Speakers: 1

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