



Commission on Disability ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 20, 2016

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

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Hazel Weiss called the meeting to order at approximately 6:34 PM

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Murray, Singer, Trahan, Upadhyay, Walsh and Weiss.

Absent: Graham, Leeder (L/A).

Staff Present: Carmella Rejwan, Office of Access Services

Guest:

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

Speakers: 2

4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes:

It was moved, seconded, carried (Murray/Trahan) Unanimous to approve the Minutes of November 18, 2015 as corrected. Ayes: Murray, Singer, Trahan, Upadhyay, Walsh and Weiss. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Graham.

Motion Passed (6-0-1)

5. Approval and Order of Agenda: The order was changed to take up item C4 before B2 to allow Rita Maran go first.

6. Update by Administration: None

7. Update by staff:

Staff noted that the City hired Paul Church on a part time basis as a Disability Coordinator Officer.

8. Announcements:

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B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Recognition of Don L. Brown** : Adopt Language to forward to City Council Commissioner Weiss and Walsh.

It was moved, seconded, carried (Murray/Trahan) Unanimous to approve the appreciation letter as corrected and to send it to Don Brown with copies to Mayor and City Council as follows:

The City of Berkeley Commission on Disability recognizes, acknowledges, thanks and commends Don L. Brown, Disability Services Specialist, Office of Access Services, City of Berkeley for his service to this Commission as its Secretary and primary staff resource, and for his service to the City of Berkeley working to ensure:

- access to City programs and services for people with disabilities, and
- compliance with local, state and federal laws that provide for access and protect persons with disabilities from discrimination.

As Disability Services Specialist, Mr. Brown further:

- developed training programs and resource materials,
- advised City employees about how to integrate people with disabilities in City activities.
- answered questions from both citizens and City employees about accommodating persons with disabilities and,
- Addressed multiple access considerations including: Communication Access, Facility Access, Employment Accommodations, Policies, Procedures, and Practices, and Information and Referral.

The Commission on Disability and the City of Berkeley also benefited greatly from Don Brown's knowledge, skills and experience in multidisciplinary areas of Disability Services, Education, Training, Advocacy and Public Policy. He is known at the local and national level for his expertise including his testimony on disability services to the United States Congress.

The Commission on Disability respectfully requests transmittal of this acknowledgment to Don L. Brown.

Action :Ayes: Murray, Singer, Trahan, Upadhyay, Walsh and Weiss. Noes: 0.
Absent: 1. Motion passed (6 -0-0-1)

2. **Easy Does It Emergency Services.**

Speaker Nikki Brown-Booker, Acting Director of EDI reported on current status of EDI. She will discuss the quarterly performance report in the next Commission meeting after her meetings with the Contract Monitor.

Action: No action taken.

3. **Universal Design:** Continue Discussion: Develop and adopt short and long term COD Goals for future recommendation to Council.
Action: No action taken.

4. **Service Animals Welcome: Provision of Educational Material per Resolution 65,751.**
 - a. Annual Business License Renewals
Staff is authorized to provide the commission with decals that say Service Animals Welcome, for distribution. Commissioner Walsh will make recommendation on the color and size of the decal.
Action: No Action Taken

 - b. City of Berkeley Website*
Commissioner Weiss distributed a revised language to be posted at the Disability Compliance Program City web.
Action: It was moved, seconded, carried (Murray/Upadhyay) Unanimous approval of the text. Ayes: Leeder, Murray, Singer, Trahan, Walsh and Weiss. Noes: 0. Motion. Absent: Graham, Abstain: 0. Passed (6 -0-0-1).

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. Discussion with public speaker Mark Humbert (Berkeley Transportation Commission).
No update.
- 2) Berkeley Research Collaborative. Status Update.
No update.
- 3) Legislative Update
No update

Subcommittee Reports:

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD),

Speaker:

Rita Maran, a Chair of the CRPD subcommittee of the Peace and Justice Commission, gave a review of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and CRPD subcommittee work.

Accessible Transportation, Parking, Sidewalks and Pedestrian Safety.

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittees.

D. COMMUNICATIONS.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commission on Disability Elections (Chair and Vice Chair)
Carmella Rejwan, Secretary.
2. Census.
Commissioner Walsh.
3. Service Animals Welcome: Provision of Educational Material per Resolution
65,751. Staff (Rejwan).
4. Easy Does It Emergency Services.
5. Accessible Website and Digital Media.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was MSC Murray/Trahan to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Ayes: Murray, Singer, Trahan, Upadhyay, Walsh and Weiss.

Absent: Graham (6-0-0-1)

Public Present: 3 Total Speakers: 3

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Minutes on the web:

http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Commissions_Commission_on_Disability_Homepage.aspx