



Commission on Disability ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

February 17, 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 6:30 PM

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Leeder, Murray, Singer, Trahan, and Weiss. Absent: Graham (Arr. 6:36), Upadhyay (Arr. 6:32), and Walsh (Arr. 6:37).

Staff Present: Carmella Rejwan, Office of Access Services

Guest: 0

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

Speakers: 0

4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes:

It was moved, seconded, carried (Trahan Murray /) Unanimous to approve the Minutes of November 18, 2015 as corrected. The minutes of January 20 will be deferred to the March meeting. Ayes: Graham, Leeder, Murray, Singer, Trahan, Upadhyay, Walsh and Weiss. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. Motion Passed (8-0-0-0).

5. Approval and Order of Agenda: The order was changed to take up item B4 before B1 to allow Chris Downey go first.

6. Update by Administration/Staff: None

7. Announcements:

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Election of Chairperson.

Action: It was moved, seconded and carried (Leeder/Trahan) to elect Commissioner Singer as Chair of the Commission on Disability. Ayes: Graham, Leeder, Murray, Singer, Trahan, Upadhyay, Walsh and Weiss. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. Motion Passed (8-0-0-0).

2. Election of Vice Chair

Commissioner Weiss and Murray were nominated for the position of Vice Chair. Commissioner Weiss received five votes: Graham, Leeder, Singer, Trahan and Weiss. Commissioner Murray received three votes: Walsh, Murray, and Upadhyay. It was moved, seconded and carried (Murray/ Walsh) to elect Commissioner Weiss as Vice Chair of The Commission on Disability. (5-0-0-0)

Easy Does It (EDI):

No Action Taken. Guest unable to attend.

3. Universal Design:

Presentation by Chris Downey, architect and instructor of Universal Design at U C Berkeley.

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Leeder/Murray) for Commissioner Weiss to prepare communication to Council Members concerning Universal Design. Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passed (8-0-0-0).

4. Annual Work Plan

Action: No action taken.

5. Service Animals Welcome:

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

1. Preparation of signs for distribution

Action: Moved, seconded and carried (Walsh/Trahan) to approve the redesign of the sign for Service Animals in Berkeley Welcome.

Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion passed (8-0-0-0).

2. City of Berkeley Website.

No Action Taken.

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 attendance of with the Transportation Commission meeting.
- 2) Berkeley Research Collaborative. Status Update. The proposal was not funded.
- 3) Legislative Update
No update

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. Service Animals Welcome: Provision of Educational Material per Resolution 65,751. Staff (Rejwan).
3. Easy Does It Emergency Services, Quarterly Report (Nikki Brown-Booker).
4. Universal Design message. (Helen Weiss)
6. U S Census access (Commissioner Walsh)

F. ADJOURNMENT

Moved, Seconded, Carried Murray/Trahan to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM.
Ayes: Graham, Leeder, Murray, Singer, Trahan, Upadhyay, Walsh and Weiss.
Absent: 0. Unanimous consent (8-0-0-0)

Public Present: 1 Total Speakers: 1

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Minutes on the web:

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