



Commission on Disability

## Commission on Disability ACTION MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

July 20, 2016

North Berkeley Senior Center  
Workshop B  
1901 Hearst Avenue (at MLK)  
Berkeley, CA 94709

#### A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Martha Singer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:38 PM

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Murray (arr. 6:42), Singer, Upadhyay (arr. 6:42), Walsh, Weiss.  
Commissioners Absent: Graham (L/A), 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 M/S (Weiss/Murray) Unanimous to approve the Draft Action Minutes of June 15 as amended.

Ayes: Murray, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, Weiss. Noes: None Abstain: None

Absent: None.

Motion carried (5-0-0-0)

5. Approval and Order of Agenda

6. Update by Administration/Staff

7. Announcements

#### B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Universal Design/ Visitability in Berkeley**

Alex Ghenis gave a talk about the need to develop an ordinance requiring new residential buildings to provide automatic door openers, roll-in showers and hardwood floors to ensure minimal accessibility.

**Action:** It was M/S (Weiss/Murray) unanimous that the COD supports an increase in accessible housing and will work with the Planning Commission on developing new recommendations to City Council regarding new construction and major

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renovations.

Ayes: Murray, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, Weiss. Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion carried (5-0-0-0)

**2. Portable Sign Pilot Program**

**Action:** It was M/S (Weiss/Walsh) to approve the Council Consent item concerning the Portable Sign Pilot Program as amended by the Commission.

Ayes: Murray, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, Weiss. Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion carried (5-0-0-0)

**3. Schedule for commission meetings**

Action: No action taken.

**4. Center Street Parking Garage Replacement Project.**

**Action:** It was MS (Walsh/Murray) That the Commission requests staff to provide to the COD information about the Companion Report right away, and also distribute it via e-mail when published.

Ayes: Murray, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, Weiss. Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion carried (5-0-0-0)

**5. Results of City Council Referral Prioritization Process.**

No action taken.

**6. Service Animal Welcome**

**Action:** It was M/S (Weiss/Murray) to adopt the Service Animal information that was attached in the July 2016 packet to be forwarded to the Finance Department and have it included with the 016 Business License renewal mailing for 2017 Business Licenses.

Ayes: Murray, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, Weiss. Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion carried (5-0-0-0)

**7. Bikes on sidewalk/Signage**

No action taken.

**8. City of Berkeley Office of Access Services (formerly known as Disability**

**Compliance Program) status**

Staff reported no change in status. Recruitment and hiring underway.

No action taken.

**C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1) Subcommittee reports:
  - a. Accessible Transportation, Parking, Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety. No report.
  - b. Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) Update by Commissioners Walsh and Weiss

**D. COMMUNICATIONS**

**E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. City of Berkeley Office of Access Services (formerly known as Disability Compliance Program) status. Overgrowth on City sidewalk-barrier to path of travel.
2. Overgrowth on City sidewalks-barrier to path of travel.
3. Possible Recommendation to Council for ADA - Training on Service Animals for public accommodations, public conveyances, city departments.
4. Impact of Bicyclists and Bicycle Traffic on Vulnerable Pedestrian Populations. Commissioner Graham.
- 5) Accessible Website, Digital Media and Information Technology
6. US Census Access

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

It was M/S (Walsh/Murray) to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Ayes: Ayes: Murray, Singer, Upadhyay, Walsh, Weiss. Noes: None Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried (5-0-0-0)

Public Present: 2      Total Speakers: 1

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