



Commission on Disability

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Special Meeting

October 5, 2016

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

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1) Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Commissioner Martha Singer (Chair) called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 PM.

2) Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Graham, Leeder, Singer (Chair), Walsh, Weiss (Vice Chair)

Absent: Commissioner Upadhyay, Murray (L/A)

Staff: Kenneth Emeziem (Ken), Acting COD Secretary, Office of Access Services

3) Public Comment:

Speaker –Ms. Padla Laverde-Levine, Rent Board Commissioner, spoke about updating BMC 19.50.040, duty of building operators to maintain and repair elevator and to provide alternative housing. Ms. Laverde-Levine and the Rent Board are requesting input and support of the COD on their planned request to council to update BMC 19.50.040.

4) Approval of Minutes:

ACTION: It was M/S/C (Leeder/Walsh) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2016 with amendments. Commissioner Weiss offered to make agreed specific corrections to the minutes and submit to the secretary.

Motion carried (5-0-0-0)

5) Approval and Order of Agenda:

ACTION: It was M/S/C (Weiss/Leeder) to move Agenda Item #3 (Easy Does It Services presentation) to Agenda item #1.

Motion carried (5-0-0-0)

6) Update by Administration/Staff: Staff mentioned that the City is conducting interviews for the position of Disability Coordinator Specialist. The City asked a member of the COD to serve on the interview panel. Commissioner Walsh agreed to serve on the interview panel scheduled on Friday October 7, 2016. However, staff mentioned that the interview may have been conducted on October 5, 2016.

Staff mentioned that the City has purchased a recorder for recording future meetings. Staff mentioned the status of Mary Richardson's request regarding shrubs and trees blocking sidewalk.

Kenneth Emeziem/staff confirmed that he will be at the November 2, 2016 COD meeting.

7) Announcements: None

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Universal Design/Visitability in Berkeley (Change in City Council template)– Council item to add accessibility to the submission template.

ACTION: It was M/S/C (Weiss/Graham) to submit a council report requesting council to adopt a recommended template that includes Impact to Accessibility.

Motion carried (5-0-0-0)

2. Universal Design/Visitability in Berkeley – council item on automatic door openers for residential multi-unit buildings and other residential access.

No Action Taken

The Commission decided to do more research and possibly invite a speaker from Pacific ADA Center regarding automatic door openers in multi-family unit buildings.

3. Easy Does it Emergency Services, invited speaker, Nikki Brown-Booker, Acting Executive Director, update including emergency preparedness survey.

No Action Taken

4. Portable Sign Pilot Program and other sidewalk obstacles (Commissioner Weiss/staff update)

Staff to continue coordinating with the Transportation Commission to ensure timely submission to council. Report is tentatively scheduled to go to Council together with the Transportation Commission report on December 13, 2016. Staff is waiting for Transportation commission to complete their report.

No Action Taken

5. Schedule for Commission Meetings (Leeder/Singer)

ACTION: It was M/S/C (Graham/Leeder) for the commission to meet on January 4, 2017.

Motion carried (5-0-0-0)

6. Center Street Garage Parking update (staff/Weiss/Walsh)

No Action Taken

7. Results of City Council referral Prioritization Process

No Action Taken

8. Bikes on Sidewalk/Signage (council item – Graham/Singer)

No Action Taken

Staff to review and submit council item to council.

9. Community Health Commission Proposal for African American Resource Center in Berkeley–

Staff to send the minutes of September 21, 2016 meeting to the Community Health Commission.

No Action Taken

10. City of Berkeley access services office status, hiring

Commissioner Walsh offered to attend the interviews on October 7, 2016.

No Action Taken

11. Service Animals Welcome (information for businesses to go out with business license renewals)- Weiss/staff

No Action Taken

Staff to inquire status from Finance Department.

12. Reasonable Accommodation for COD – Commissioner Weiss

The City has purchased a recorder for use at future meetings.

The interpreter was not able to attend today. However, the Interpreter is scheduled for the November 2, 2016.

Commissioner Leeder mentioned the possibility of acquiring an I-pad for translation etc. There was a discussion about contacting Demetry Besler, Center for Accessible Technology and California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFLC) to inquire about an I-pad loaner program.

No Action Taken

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - None

D. COMMUNICATIONS – None

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

Chair Singer will send next meeting Agenda items to staff.

F. ADJOURNMENT –

It was M/S/C (Walsh/Leeder) to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Motion carried (5-0-0-0)

Public Present: 1 Total Speakers: 0

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