

***Minutes re 6/7/23 CoD meeting...the minutes below are printed in bold italics...all other language is the meeting's agenda as originally published with one exception: the Commissioners' surnames that originally appeared next to remote sites' addresses have been removed.***

**Commission on Disability  
AGENDA  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023 6:00 PM**

**In-Person Location: 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA  
94702 (Willow Room at the Corporation Yard)**

**Remote locations: 1806 Addison St., Berkeley, CA  
94703 and 1888 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94703**

**A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1) **Call to Order by Acting Chair Walsh**

***Acting Chair Walsh was absent. Commissioner Lewkowicz called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.***

2) **Land Acknowledgement Statement:** *The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-*

*low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.*

**3) Roll Call by Secretary**

***Commissioners present: Rena Fischer, Kathi Pugh, Mina Sun, and Bonnie Lewkowicz.***

***Commissioners absent: Helen Walsh.***

***Public members present: H.W.***

***Staff present: Thomas Gregory, Guillermo Campos,***

***and Andrew Brozyna (the latter for the first hour only).***

***Because CoD has no Chair and because the Acting Chair (and Vice-Chair) was absent, the following vote was held:***

***Motion: “that Kathi serve as presiding Commissioner for tonight’s meeting.”***

***Made by: Commissioner Lewkowicz.***

***Seconded by: Commissioner Sun.***

***Ayes: unanimous.***

***Nays: none.***

***Motion passes.***

***A short while later, the following vote was held:***

***Motion: “that Bonnie replace Kathi as tonight’s presiding Commissioner.”***

***Made by: Commissioner Lewkowicz.***

***Seconded by: Commissioner Pugh.***

***Ayes: unanimous.***

***Nays: none.***

***Motion passes.***

- 4) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda.  
(Up to 3 minutes per speaker)**

***H.W., the one member of the public present, made a comment.***

- 5) Approval of Draft Minutes for February 1, 2023\***

***The following vote was made:***

***Motion: “to approve the draft minutes for February.”***

***Made by: unknown...the secretary, who is new to the role, erred by not capturing this info.***

***Seconded by: unknown...the secretary failed to capture this info.***

***Ayes: none.***

***Nays: none.***

***Abstentions: unanimous.***

***Motion fails.***

***The reason that all participating Commissioners abstained from voting is that they are all brand new to the CoD and were not present for the February meeting and, therefore, felt that they lacked sufficient knowledge to cast an informed vote.***

**6) Approval and Order of Agenda\***

***The following vote was made:***

***Motion: “to postpone the ‘Civic Center – Super Sub Cmte Briefing’ agenda item to a subsequent CoD meeting so that the Commissioner who proposed that agenda item (but is not present tonight to discuss) may participate, and to otherwise approve the agenda as drafted.”***

***Made by: Commissioner Fischer.***

***Seconded by: Commissioner Pugh.***

***Ayes: unanimous.***

***Nays: none.***

***Motion passes.***

- 7) **Staff updates: (a) intro/contact info of new CoD secretary and (b) reminder about chat function when Commissioners meet via Zoom.**

## **B. ACTION ITEMS**

**The public may speak about any agenda item, and members of the public will have an opportunity to speak prior to any voting regarding an agenda item. (Comments may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker)**

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Introduction of new commissioners ( discussion)
2. Nominations and vote for Chair and Vice Chair (action)

***No election for Vice-Chair was needed, and including this item in the agenda was an error. Re the election of a Chair, the following vote was made:***

***Motion: “to postpone the election of Chair till next month.”***

***Made by: Commissioner Fischer.***

***Seconded by: Commissioner Pugh.***

***Ayes: unanimous.***

***Nays: none.***

***Motion passes.***

3. Review Commission on Disability work Plan (discussion) Include work plan in packet

***H.W., the one public member in attendance, commented about the CoD's Work Plan.***

***Following some discussion among Commissioners of potential Work Plan goals, the following vote was made:***

***Motion: "to make Work Plan development be a top priority at the next CoD meeting."***

***Made by: Commissioner Lewkowicz.***

***Seconded by: Commissioner Sun.***

***Ayes: unanimous.***

***Nays: none.***

***Motion passes.***

4. Open discussion on creating an effective, representative Commission on Disability with logistical practices and communication policies that comply with both the ADA and the Brown Act.

***Among Commissioners, there was a broad consensus that (a) it's important to fill all nine CoD seats and that recruitment efforts on the part of all involved could help achieve that outcome sooner rather than later, (b) Brown Act requirements make it difficult for Commissioners to safely and comfortably participate remotely and that the Commission would like hybrid meetings to be permissible, as they were during the height of the***



***pandemic, and (c) a venue close to Civic Center would be much preferable, for safety reasons and other reasons, to the current venue at Corporation Yard.***

***The secretary promised to promptly check with the City Clerk's office to see what might be possible re CoD moving to a meeting venue closer to Civic Center.***

- 5. Civic Center - Super Sub Cmte Briefing** An overview of the design concept for Civic Center Park, the Veterans Memorial Building and the Maudelle Shirek

Building (“Old City Hall”) was provided. A the final report will be headed to council in June 2023. ( see packet pdf of the project) informational/discussion

**The public may speak at the beginning of any item.  
(Comments may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker)**

**C. Announcements**

***None.***

**D. ADJOURNMENT:**

***The following vote was made at 8:48pm:***

***Motion: “to adjourn.”***

***Made by: Commissioner Pugh.***

***Seconded by: Commissioner Sun.***

***Ayes: unanimous.***

***Nays: none.***

***Motion passes.***

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**\* Indicates written material included in packet.**

**\*\* Indicates material to be delivered at meeting.**


**\*\*\* Indicates material previously mailed.**

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**<https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Commissions Commission on Disability Homepage.aspx>**

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