



Commission on Disability

Minutes re February 14, 2024

Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair Fischer at 5:05pm.
2. Land Acknowledgment recognizing Berkeley as the ancestral, unceded home of the Ohlone People.
3. Roll Call by Secretary
Commissioners present: Vice-Chair Walsh, Chair Fischer, Commissioner Pugh, Commissioner Sun, Commissioner Lewkowicz, Commissioner De La Paz, and Commissioner Marrero.
Commissioners absent: none.
Staff present: Thomas Gregory and Guillermo Campos.
Public members present: Rani Cochran (liaison from the Commission on Aging) and Marcus (surname unknown).
4. Public Comments: Rani Cochran introduced herself as the Commission on Aging's liaison to the Commission on Disability (CoD) and expressed her intention to regularly attend future CoD meetings.
5. Approval of draft minutes: January 10, 2024 meeting
"...to approve the draft minutes for the 1/10 meeting."
Moved by: Chair Fischer; seconded by: Commissioner Lewkowicz.
Ayes: all except for Commissioner Marrero.
Nays: none.
Abstentions: Commissioner Marrero.
The motion passes.
6. Approval: Order of Agenda
"...to remove Item #13 and otherwise approve agenda."
Moved by: Chair Fischer; seconded by: Commissioner Sun.
Ayes: unanimous.
The motion passes.

Commissioner Reports/Announcements

7. Welcome and introductions by new and current Commissioners

Staff Updates

8. Log of Access Complaints

9. Email and voicemail sent to the Commission.

In addition to the message for CoD that was contained in the meeting's packet of materials, a 2/6 email message to CoD from Carol Hirth was read aloud and distributed...a copy of this message will appear in the packet for CoD's March meeting.

There was a consensus among Commissioners to address, via communication with City Council, the dangerous and unlawful use of motorized scooters and bicycles on City sidewalks.

Presentations – not applicable this month.

Discussion/Action Items

10. Updates to City of Berkeley ADA Grievance Form

“...to vote on the City's proposed edits to the ADA Grievance Procedure/Form.”

Moved by: Chair Fischer; seconded by: Commissioner Lewkowicz.

Abstentions: unanimous.

The motion does not pass.

There was consensus among the Commissioners, who unanimously abstained from voting, that a yes/no vote (a) would create the false impression that CoD has a role in the City of Berkeley's ADA grievance procedure, which is fully conducted by City staff, and (b) because updating the form to reflect City staff changes, whether to ADA staff or City department contacts, is an ongoing administrative staff responsibility.

11. Nomination and election of CoD Chair and Vice-Chair.

“...to both nominate and elect current Chair Fischer to a new one-year term.”

Moved by: Commissioner Lewkowicz; seconded by: Commissioner Sun.

Roll call vote conducted.

Vice-Chair Walsh: Aye. Chair Fischer: Aye. Commissioner Pugh: Aye.

Commissioner Sun: Aye. Commissioner Lewkowicz: Aye. Commissioner De La Paz: Aye. Commissioner Marrero: Aye.

The motion passes unanimously, and Chair Fischer remains the Chair till Feb2025.

“...to both nominate and elect current Vice-Chair Walsh to a new one-year term.”

Moved by: Commissioner Lewkowicz; seconded by: Chair Fischer.

Roll call vote conducted.

Vice-Chair Walsh: Aye. Chair Fischer: Aye. Commissioner Pugh: Aye.

Commissioner Sun: Aye. Commissioner Lewkowicz: Aye. Commissioner De La Paz: Aye. Commissioner Marrero: Aye.

The motion passes unanimously, and Vice-Chair Walsh remains the Vice-Chair till Feb2025.

12. Work Plan Updates and Developments

- a. Review of priorities
- b. Brainstorm next steps and timelines
- c. Establishing subcommittees

“...to create a Web Access/WCAG Compliance Subcommittee with Commissioner Sun, Vice-Chair Walsh, and Commissioner Marrero as its three members.”

Moved by: Chair Fischer; seconded by: Commissioner Lewkowicz.

Ayes: unanimous.

The motion passes, and the Web Access/WCAG Compliance Subcommittee is established.

- d. Schedule of presentations to advance Work Plan priorities

Items for CoD Work Plan and Future Meetings

- a. Civic Center Subcommittee Briefing
- b. Safer pathways map of Berkeley (perhaps produced with CoAging)
- c. Accessibility of speakers' lectern
- d. Use of motorized scooters and bicycles on sidewalks

Adjournment – adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:50pm.

Minutes approved by CoD vote on: ___March 13, 2024___



Thomas Gregory, Secretary to Commission