



**Commission on Disability
AGENDA
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 6:00 PM

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A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Land Acknowledgement Recognizing Berkeley as the Ancestral, Unceded Home of the Ohlone People

- 1) Call to Order by Chair Freeman**
- 2) Roll Call by Secretary**
- 3) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda.
(Up to 3 minutes per speaker)**
- 4) Approval of Draft Minutes for January 11, 2023***
- 5) Approval of Draft Minutes for January 18, 2023***
- 6) Staff Update:**
 - Chat – Only to be used as a disability accommodation tool**

7) **Approval and Order of Agenda**

B. ACTION ITEMS

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Future COD Meetings Times –

- **COD to vote on future meeting times to occur starting at 3:00 p.m.**

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Voicemail Accessibility – Ray Thomas from I.T., Department in attendance for questions.**
- 2. Commission on Disability to appointment a representative to attend and speak on behalf of the COD at the Special City Council Meeting on The Hopkins Corridor Reconfiguration Project.**
- 3. Return to In-person Commission Meetings starting March 1, 2023***
- 4. Inclusive Disaster Registry – Continued (Walsh) – COD requests future attendance from Disaster Preparedness staff to discuss this item.**

5. IKE Smart Kiosks (Walsh) –

- **COD requests future attendance from the Office of Economic Development to discuss this item.**

6. Discussion on Pathways Center demand letter whether to sign on as a Commission.

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D. Announcements

**E. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE
REPORTS**

F. COMMUNICATIONS

- **Update – Return to In-Person Meetings*
(Memo from Mark Numainville – City Clerk)**

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (from adopted work plan, referrals, etc.)

G. ADJOURNMENT:

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DRAFT MINUTES
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A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1) Call to Order by Chair Freeman @ 6:04 p.m.**
- 2) Land Acknowledgement Recognizing Berkeley as the Ancestral, Unceded Home of the Ohlone People**
- 3) Roll Call by Secretary – Freeman: present, Walsh: present**
- 4) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker) 6 speakers, 2 comments received via email.**

Note: Chair Freeman increased the speaking time from 3 minutes to 5 minutes for this meeting.

- 5) Staff Update:**
 - Chat – Only to be used as a disability accommodation tool**

6) **Approval and Order of Agenda**

B. ACTION ITEMS

1.) Re-submit letter to City Council regarding current vacancies on the Commission on Disability

Chair Freeman – motion to resubmit, Vice Chair Walsh seconded the motion.

2.) COD Meeting Dates for 2023 – Chair Freeman motion to approve, Vice Chair Walsh seconded the motion.

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

Commission will take a 10-minute break around 8pm.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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- 1. In-Person Meetings – Possibly to commence in March 2023**
- 2. Inclusive Disaster Registry – Continued (Walsh) – Commission requests disaster preparedness staff to attend in Commission meeting in March.**
- 3. Accessibility of Voicemail System – Inviting Thomas Ray (I.T. Security Manager), for February COD meeting.**
- 4. Increasing Public Participation in the COD – Commission to submit letter to City Clerk and City Manager requesting video recordings of COD to be posted on Commission on Disability webpage.**
 - Zoom Toll Free Number Activated!**
 - Re-submit letter to City Council regarding current vacancies on the Commission on Disability**
 - Video Recordings – Ongoing (No update)**
- 5. COD Meeting Dates for 2023 – Moved to action items**

6. **Future COD Meetings – Changing the meeting time to occur during the workday (before 5:00 p.m.) – Add to action calendar for February COD Meeting.**

7. **Berkeley Bike Plan\Barriers to Pedestrians and Bike Safety – Chair Freeman presented. COD requests a Special Commission meeting on Hopkins Corridor Project in January.**

8. **IKE Smart Kiosks (Walsh) – COD requests Kieron Slaughter to attend future Commission meeting to discuss this item.**

D. Announcements

E. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

F. COMMUNICATIONS

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (from adopted work plan, referrals, etc.)

COD Proposed Special Commission Meeting on Hopkins Corridor Project in January.

G. ADJOURNMENT: No later than 8:55 p.m.

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Commission on Disability
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Special Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 3:00 PM

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Topic: Commission on Disability Special Meeting
Time: Jan 18, 2023 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Call to Order by Chair Freeman @3:05 p.m.

- 1) Roll Call by Secretary Freeman: present, Walsh: present**
- 2) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker) 1 Speaker**
- 3) Staff Update:**
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4) **Approval and Order of Agenda**

B. ACTION ITEMS

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**Total speakers 18 plus 4 members of the community
that submitted comments via email.**

**Hopkins Corridor Plan/Project – Discussion and
recommendations, and a vote to support or oppose
the plan/project. ****

**Chairperson Freeman made the following two
motions:**

**First Motion: The Commission on Disability opposes
the Hopkins Corridor Reconfiguration Project as
submitted.**

Freeman: Motion, Walsh: Second

Freeman: Aye, Walsh: Aye

Second Motion: To support delay of the Hopkins Corridor Reconfiguration Project as presented until more information can be given and with greater input from neighborhoods, and disability organizations, specifically drivers with disabilities, persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities, low vision, blind, hearing impaired and deaf community-based disability organizations, and the Commission on Disability.

Freeman: Motion, Walsh: Second

Freeman: Aye, Walsh: Aye

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS - NONE

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D. Announcements

E. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

F. COMMUNICATIONS

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (from adopted work plan, referrals, etc.)

**G. ADJOURNMENT: @ 6:12 p.m. – Motion by Freeman, Motion seconded by Walsh
Ayes: Freeman, Walsh**

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City Clerk Department

January 19, 2023

To: Members of Berkeley Boards & Commissioners
From: Mark Numainville, City Clerk
Subject: Update – Return to In-Person Meetings

This memo provides an update on the return to in-person meetings for City boards and commissions.

The Governor stated that the Declaration of Emergency by the State of California for COVID-19 will end on February 28, 2023. The end of the Declaration of Emergency means that the exemptions to the Brown Act that allowed for virtual-only meetings of legislative bodies will also end. Starting on March 1, 2023, all legislative bodies in the State of California must meet in-person. There is no authority for any local jurisdiction to override or appeal this requirement in state law.

The responses from commissioners in the November 2022 survey regarding in-person meetings have been very helpful in determining the primary concerns of commissioners and what the City may be able to do to accommodate them. There was a range of responses and the City will not be able to accommodate every preference.

At this time, the City does not have the technical capabilities for commissions to meet in a hybrid format. All participation will be in-person at a physical meeting location. Information was provided to all commission secretaries regarding meeting locations that have large rooms in order to facilitate distancing and air flow. Larger meeting spaces was one of the top requests in the commissioner survey. Some commissions will have a new meeting location from where they met pre-pandemic. In addition, the North Berkeley Senior Center is serving as a warming center for unhoused persons through April and is not available for commission meetings until May.

More information will be provided at a later date regarding the recommended health and safety protocols for in-person commission meetings. These protocols will take into

account the responses of the survey, the recommendations of the Public Health Officer, and the protocols that have been used for recent in-person meetings of the City Council.

Ad-hoc subcommittees of City commissions are not considered legislative bodies under the Brown Act. Subcommittees do not have noticing requirements and may continue to meet virtually.

We understand that this is a significant change from the temporary virtual meeting format and procedures for commissioners, many of which may have joined commissions during the pandemic. The City will support your commission and your secretary in any manner possible within the constraints of state law and available resources.

cc: Department Directors
Commission Secretaries