



Commission on Disability
AGENDA
Special Meeting

Commission on Disability

Wednesday 12/09/2020 6:00 PM

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A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1) Call to Order by Chair Ghenis
- 2) Roll Call by Secretary
- 3) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker)
- 4) Approval of Draft Action Minutes of March 4 2020*
- 5) Staff Update.
- 6) Approval and Order of Agenda

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

Commission will take a 5 minute break around 8pm

1. Meeting logistics and related concerns.

Clarify that all concerns have been addressed; note if there are any ongoing barriers, and what barriers are; progress as needed. (5 min / Ghenis)

2. BART CAG Appointment (5 min/ Ghenis)

3. Workplan (20 minutes/ Ghenis)

4. Covid information and web accessibility (5 min/Walsh)

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5. Announcements

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

D. COMMUNICATIONS

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

TBD

E. ADJOURNMENT: no later than 9:00pm

Agenda Posted: TBD


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Commission on Disability
DRAFT MINUTES
Regular Meeting

Commission on Disability
1947 Center St.
Multipurpose Room
Berkeley, CA 94704

Wednesday
3/04/2020
6:00 PM

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1) Call to Order by Vice Chair Leeder @ 6:10 pm
- 2) Roll Call by Secretary: Present: Ramirez, Leeder, Walsh, Singer Absent: Smith, Ghenis: LOA
- 3) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker) None.
- 4) Approval of Draft Action Minutes of February 5, 2020* (Singer/Walsh, all ayes)
- 5) Staff Update.
- 6) Approval and Order of Agenda (Singer/Walsh, all ayes)

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None.

2. Elevator Ordinance. *(20 minutes)**

Celia McGuinness attended to discuss her previously submitted comments. Discussion. No action taken.

3. Paratransit Update. (20 minutes)

Discussion. No action taken.

4. Berkeley Preparedness Network Presentation. (15 minutes)

Postponed.

5. BART Advisory Appointment

Motion to appoint Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Ramirez as alternate, (Walsh, Singer, all ayes)

6. Announcements

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E. ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 pm (Singer/Ramirez, all ayes)

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Commission on Disability - FY 2020-21 Annual Workplan

1. COVID Management and Recovery

Track developments and impacts from the Covid-19 pandemic, including but not limited to: disproportionate health impacts for people disabilities; consequences for health care providers; disruptions in disability supports (e.g. reduction in small businesses providing necessary products and services); increase in Berkeley residents with long-term disabilities due to post-Covid complications; and reduction in city budgets for services and infrastructure improvements (e.g. sidewalk repair efforts). Engage relevant city departments, request presentations and gather community feedback.

2. Improved Transportation and Mobility

Continue efforts related to the “navigable cities” framework for safe, accessible pedestrian pathways and other transportation infrastructure, including appropriate street layouts in redesigned transportation corridors. Address public transportation concerns and safety, including budgets and onboard safety related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. Public Input and Public Outreach for COD

Implement communication channels with other city Commissions; pursue “cross-membership” with other commissions, where COD members request to be appointed to other commissions with vacancies; prioritize commissions whose coverage affects people with disabilities (e.g. peace & justice, zero waste, planning, homelessness, etc.). Raise awareness of COD within the disability community and relevant stakeholders (e.g. neighborhood and business associations) and invite community members and stakeholders to attend COD meetings.

4. Engagement and Oversight of City Processes

Increase outreach and requests for timely presentations and information from City of Berkeley staff and other relevant officials (e.g. at the county or regional levels). Utilize the Commission on Disability as a public forum and oversight body, especially in the face of unprecedented challenges during the continuing Covid-19 pandemic and recovery therefrom.

5. Accessible and Affordable Housing

Explore the expansion and improved availability of accessible housing for people with disabilities, including going beyond baseline ADA access requirements in new construction (e.g. adding automatic door openers, units with roll-in showers and other universal access features, etc.). Recognize a likely slowdown in new construction and increase efforts at encouraging accessibility retrofits of existing buildings, whether single-family homes or multi-unit apartments/condominiums. Address affordability as a key factor for housing, especially given the disconnect between affordability and accessibility (given newer buildings are more accessible but also tend to have higher rents).

6. Homeless people with Disabilities

Support Berkeley’s population of homeless residents with disabilities. Collaborate with

local service providers to address disability-related needs, such as access to healthcare or repairs of medical equipment (wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, etc.). Address timely issues, such as pandemic safety and wildfire smoke.

7. Emergency/Disaster Preparedness

Receive information and ongoing updates, participate and make recommendations as appropriate about Berkeley's BEACON and CERT programs. Address increasing frequency of Red Flag Warning events, wildfire danger, Public Safety Power Shutoffs, poor air quality days, and extreme heat vents. Maintain oversight and efforts around earthquake safety.

8. Student Life and Disability Awareness

Improve communication and collaboration with Berkeley's many students with disabilities, providing community engagement and leadership opportunities and supports for independent living. Address all populations including students with disabilities in elementary through high school, Berkeley City College, UC Berkeley, and private entities.