

Commission on Disability
AGENDA
Special Meeting
FINAL MINUTES

Commission on Disability
Wednesday August 4 2021 6:00 PM

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A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- Call to Order by Vice Chair Freeman (@6:07)
- Roll Call by Secretary Walsh: Present Singer, Present Freeman: Present,
- Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker) Betsy Norris Berkeley East Bay Grey Panthers disabled residents had no way to evacuate because elevators are turned, Cheryl Davila spoke about the need for better emergency preparedness for fires, evacuation and power shut offs .Kristen Spencer and

Carole gave comments about needing to manage the EDI registry and fire department registry.

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- Approval of Draft Action Minutes of February 25, 2021 (Freeman/Singer, all ayes)
- Staff Update. (Freeman/Singer, all ayes)
- Approval and Order of Agenda (agenda reordered per the below, Freeman/Walsh, all ayes)

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

- **Set schedule for regular meetings**
- Motion: Regular meetings on the first Wednesday of the meetings and schedule additional special meetings as needed (Freeman/Walsh, all ayes)
- **Elections**
Motion: Freeman elected as Chair; Walsh as Vice Chair (Singer/Freeman, all ayes)

3. Easy Does It Emergency Services (Freeman)

Multiple people spoke about issues with staff are treated, lack of staff, lack of staff of the same gender of client, and concerns about the Executive Director.

Motion: Invite EDI to the next meeting in September with or without a board member. (Freeman/Walsh all ayes)

Motion: Gather input from staff community and manager of the contract (audit reports) and write a letter to Council (Freeman/Walsh, all ayes)

Freeman also wants to draft a report to be submitted to Council (Freeman) No second.

4. Elevator Ordinance Update

Carole spoke about the need for elevator ordinance enforcement.

Motion: Invite Celia McGuinness (Disability Rights Attorney) and Secretary will resend her comments, previously submitted to the Commission. (Freeman/Walsh) all ayes.

All other items postponed to a future meeting due to lack of time.

5. Berkeley Transportation Subcommittee (Walsh)

6. Berkeley-El Cerrito Corridor Access Plan and Berkeley BART stations (Walsh)

7. Vacancies

8. I. Ethnicity & Disability Statistics of People who have contracted Covid in Berkeley since the beginning of the pandemic. *

II. Utilization rates and accessibility of City of Berkeley Covid testing sites for BIPOC people with disabilities. *

IV. Number of BIPOC people with disabilities who have accessed Covid related and/or supportive services since the beginning of the pandemic. III. Vaccinations distribution among seniors and BIPOC communities with disabilities in Berkeley *
(Freeman)

7. Disability and ethnicity data in city contracts and city services. (Freeman)

• Accessible Housing Update

. Announcements

• INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

• COMMUNICATIONS

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

TBD

E. ADJOURNMENT: 9:31 PM (Freeman/Walsh)

Agenda Posted: TBD

- * Indicates written material included in packet.
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