



Commission on Disability
Minutes
Regular Meeting

Commission on Disability

Wednesday

City of Berkeley Corporation Yard

3/06/2019

1326 Allston Way

6:30 PM

Willow Room

Berkeley, CA 94702

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1) Call to Order by Chair Ghenis at 6:32 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call by Secretary Enke: Present: Walsh, Weiss, Ghenis, Leeder, Smith; LOA: Singer; Absent: Ramirez.
- 3) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. Stacey Hill commented on the need for access to electricity to charge wheel chairs.
- 4) Approval of Draft Action Minutes February 6, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion (Leeder/Walsh) to pass the minutes, Smith abstained (5/0/1).*
- 5) Approval and Order of Agenda; Item 2, Ike Smart Kiosks taken ahead of Item 1, Presentation on Berkeley Paratransit Services.

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. Presentation on Berkeley Paratransit Services. City staff members Tanya Bustamante, Manager of Aging Services and Mary Triston provided update and overview of the Paratransit Services Berkeley provides as part of the Measure B and BB funding from by the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

2. IKE Smart City Kiosks. IKE representative, Steve Jaffe, who presented at the December 5 COD meeting attended to comment on the informational report on last month's agenda. He spoke on wanting to clarify the following items: 1, regarding sidewalk obstacles, concerns are addressed in siting criteria that mandate ADA compliance; 2, hearing accessibility is not an issue, since the kiosks do not have any sound features; 3, regarding mobility impaired, kiosks have button to adjust height to provide compliance; 4, Main issue is addressing provisions for the visually impaired, Ike is continuing to explore technologies to make the units accessible to the visually impaired. He also noted that kiosks have been deployed in Denver, San Antonio and Columbus without issues. Steve requested that the language in the report be changed to reflect the above. Walsh commented that she read that there had been ADA issues. Leeder questioned why install if kiosks are not accessible to

blind. Weiss commented that they were not compliant and that units need testing by disabled. Ghenis summarized that unless the kiosks are fully accessible, then they shouldn't be deployed.*

3. Discussion on Zero Waste Commission. A Zero Waste Commissioner member was not able to attend. Ghenis reported that he has been in communication with ZWC. Discussion on needing better channels of communication with other commissions especially Planning, Transportation, and Zero Waste. No action taken.

4. Finalize annual work plan for 2019. Commission discussed Work Plan. Topics to included: 1. Service Animals Welcome Policy, 2. Improved Transportation and Mobility, including Navigable Cities (obstacles/sidewalks), Safety at crosswalks and lighting, Alternative Transportation Options such as paratransit, scooters, Street Redesigns, ie. San Pablo Avenue, 3. Improved Public Input and Outreach, cross commission membership, Town Hall Meeting, outreach to DBA, Booth at plaza, student life, 4. Housing, affordability, retrofits, options, homelessness, 5. Improvement to City Processes' such as staff, accessible forms, web page content, barrier removal. No action taken.

5. San Pablo Avenue Plan. Brief report from Walsh. No action taken.

6. Navigable Cities. Discussion of main items to be

addressed in this effort. Items discussed included: sidewalk signs, e-scooters, dockless bikes, e-scooters, street redesigns that affect sidewalks, parking and bike lanes, construction impacts to sidewalks and bus stops, and accessible parking. No action taken.

7. Service Animals Welcome Policy. Discussion of proposed Council report and whether it should include discussion of companion animals. Motion to approve report with administrative changes to reflect the new chairperson. Walsh/Leeder, all ayes, (6/0)

8. Announcements: Weiss: Walk MS19, Saturday, April 27, in Oakland; Walsh: Pacific Center rally to support LGBTQ members with disabilities on March 15, CIL Momentum Expo on April 27, at Ed Roberts Center; CRPD's second annual Berkeley forum on access and disability rights at Ed Roberts on May 8.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE

REPORTS: CRPD's second annual Berkeley forum on access and disability rights at Ed Roberts on May 8.

D. COMMUNICATIONS: Walsh requested an accessible Form 700 or reasonable accommodation.

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: RV Parking and Electrical power for wheelchairs.

E. ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 p.m. (Leeder/Walsh 6/0/0)

Agenda Posted: March 1, 2019

- * Indicates written material included in packet.
- ** Indicates material to be delivered at meeting.
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