



Commission on Disability  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting

**Commission on Disability**

**Wednesday**

**City of Berkeley Corporation Yard**

**4/03/2019**

**1326 Allston Way**

**6:30 PM**

**Willow Room**

**Berkeley, CA 94702**

**A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- 1) Call to Order by Chair Ghenis at 6:50 p.m.  
Introduced Dominika Bednarska as new Disability Service Specialist and new secretary.
- 2) Roll Call by Secretary Enke: Present: Weiss, Ghenis, Leeder, Smith, Ramirez, Singer; LOA: Walsh.
- 3) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda.  
None.
- 4) Distributed minutes from March 6, 2019 Regular Meeting – Commission will review & approve in upcoming May meeting.
- 5) Approval and Order of Agenda. Note to add “Staff Update” to future agendas. Motion to approve, (Singer/Leeder), 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**

### **1. Secretary issues and accessibility concerns.**

Leeder commented that she did not receive a mailed copy. Staff will again confirm both email and mailing addresses.

**2. IKE Smart City Kiosks.** Review update and related Information Calendar item to be sent to Council. Updated report distributed and discussed at meeting. Motion to approve report and submit as informational item to Council. Weiss/Singer, all ayes.

### **3. Approve finalized annual work plan for 2019.**

Review updated work plan (attached); discuss responsible Commissioners, timelines, etc. Ghenis provided summary of work plan and the COD discussed. Volunteers for items were: 1. Improved Transportation and Mobility - Leeder, Singer, Smith, and Ramirez; 2. Public Input and Public Outreach for COD – Ghenis, Leeder, and Ramirez; 3. Disability Access in all Berkeley Policies and Processes – Singer and Weiss; 4. Accessible and Affordable Housing – Leeder, Ramirez, and Smith; 5. Homeless People with Disabilities – Smith; 6. Emergency/Disaster Preparedness – Weiss and Smith; 7. Student Life and Disability Awareness – Ramirez; 8. Service Animals Welcome in Berkeley – Weiss. Motion to

approve annual work plan for 2019. Leeder/Smith, all ayes.

**4. Discussion on access to electric charging facilities for wheelchairs.** Public comment from Stacey Hill and Yesica Prado regarding the issues with access to charging facilities for wheelchairs. Item was discussed as possible future action item. No action taken.

**5. RV Parking.** Report on discussions with Golden Gate Fields regarding use of their parking lots, etc. Public comment from Stacey Hill and Yesica Prado regarding recent council item on proposed parking restrictions and its impact on the disabled homeless community. Smith provided update on Golden Gate Fields: 1. Fields are private property, 2. Harness racing is conflict, and 3. Sewage disposal is issue. Commission discussed. No action taken.

**6. Discussion on Zero Waste Commission.** Discuss how to collaborate with ZWC on any future efforts that may affect people with disabilities. A Zero Waste Commission member may attend, or Ghenis will communicate with ZWC and report back. No discussion this meeting.

**7. San Pablo Avenue Plan.** An update on the planning process, and report on Feb 13 stakeholder meeting. No discussion this meeting (Walsh on LOA).

**8. Navigable Cities.** Discuss main items to be addressed

in this effort. Ghenis provided summary of plan and the COD discussed the plan. Items discussed included barriers/signs, sidewalk construction zones, sidewalk repairs, tree damage, BART elevators, electrical plug access, photo survey of barriers, bio-swailes and planters, bicyclists on sidewalk – small stencil at Milvia and Addison. Motion to adopt the 2019 Navigable Cities Action plan. Leeder/Weiss, all ayes.

**9. Announcements:** Ghenis: TNC – Access for all – surcharge for Uber/Lyft for ADA accessible vehicles and SB50, relates to housing near transit. Weiss: Capital Action Day in Sacramento on 4/8, Congresswoman Waters introduced bill to end homeless, Walk MS 2019 fund raiser on 4/13 in San Francisco at YAP Store.

## **C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **REPORTS**

**1. Peace and Justice Commission Subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities-** Update on activity or projects of this subcommittee since last meeting. Weiss: CRPD's second annual Berkeley forum on access and disability rights at Ed Roberts on May 8, 3 to 5pm. Subcommittee meeting this Friday, 3 to 5 p.m. at 2180 Milvia.

## **D. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- **Homeless concerns - RV Parking and**

## **Charging**

- **San Pablo Avenue Plan**
- **Navigable Cities Informational Item (Singer)**
  - **Construction issues (Leeder)**
  - **Portable signs (Singer)**
  - **Photo survey (Weiss)**
  - **Portable Signs (Singer)**
- **Sidewalk discussion item**
- **Public Outreach Informational Item (Ghenis)**
- **Town Hall selection of date**
- **Events Calendar – add to future agendas?**

## **E. ADJOURNMENT: 9:29 p.m. (Leeder/Smith) all ayes.**

Agenda Posted: March 21, 2019


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