



Commission on Disability
DRAFT Minutes
Regular Meeting

Commission on Disability

Wednesday

City of Berkeley Corporation Yard

2/06/2019

1326 Allston Way

6:30 PM

Willow Room

Berkeley, CA 94702

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1) Call to Order by Chair Leader at 6:33 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call by Secretary Enke: Present: Singer, Walsh, Weiss, Ghenis, Ramirez, Leader
- 3) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:
None
- 4) Approval of Draft Action Minutes January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion (Singer/Walsh) to pass the minutes, (6/0/0).
- 5) Approval and Order of Agenda. Motion (Singer/Ghenis) to approve with corrected numbering of items, (6/0/0).

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 requested to receive information earlier; Weiss requested secretary to send commissioners a reminder email to send information to the secretary if they want to have something included in the next agenda packet; new Disability Service Coordinator to start mid-March; Weiss, Walsh, and Leeder have requested hard copies.

2. Elections of Chair and Vice Chair annual elections.

Weiss nominated Ghenis for Chair, Walsh seconded, all ayes, (6/0/0). Singer nominated Leeder for Vice-Chair, Weiss seconded, all ayes, (6/0/0).

3) Vote on annual work plan for 2019. Item discussed; base on last year's plan, may include:

- a. Service Animals Welcome Policy
- b. Portable Sign Policy
- c. Sidewalk and Pedestrian Obstacles
- d. Improve public input and public outreach
- e. Improved Transportation and Mobility

Ghenis to draft work plan for discussion and action at next meeting.

4) CIL needs wording suggestions regarding the 25 cents disposable cups issue. Item discussed.

Handout in packet provided by Leeder of email chain from

CIL. The ordinance includes term “severely disabled”; the CIL wants it changed and has draft of new language. Weiss moved that the item be on next month’s agenda under revised title of, “COD input to Council on Zero Waste Ordinance” Ghenis seconded, all ayes, (6/0/0). Weiss also requested that a representative of Zero Waste Commission be invited to present to the COD.

5) Service Animals Welcome Policy: Weiss has drafted Council item distributed at meeting. Discussion regarding distinction of “emotional support” vs. “service” animals. Item tabled to future meeting.

6) Awards session for advocates or self-advocates for the City of Berkeley: Item discussed. Leeder suggested to add to work plan and would like people recognized by City Council members for their work at Town Hall meetings, Weiss and Walsh agreed.

7) IKE Smart City Kiosks - Recommendations for disability access to kiosks. Motion to develop requirements for kiosks and forward to City Council: Singer drafted Council informational report and handed out at meeting. Secretary noted that IKE requested that the COD not take action until next meeting when they can attend and further address the COD’s concerns. COD, noted that timing is a concern, and item is informational and COD does not want to delay. Report was discussed and edited at meeting. Singer to email edited version to secretary for submittal to City Clerk. Motion to approve informational item as amended as a priority item to

Council about the COD's concerns about informational Kiosks and accessibility. Ghenis made motion, Walsh seconded, all ayes, (6/0/0).

8) Co-op community living center proposal: Leeder had meeting with Mayor Arreguin to discuss possible bond funding for building Co-op accessibility project(s). Any ideas on how to make my (Leeder) proposal shorter and simpler? Item discussed, appears as a possible conflict of interest, recommend that housing and zoning regulations around coops be explored as a possible option.

9) Portable Sign Pilot Program and Other Sidewalk Obstacles- Weiss provided handout at meeting. Brief discussion of pilot program, of previous discussions and reports going back to 2012, nothing new. Singer's position has changed, should be barrier free sidewalks. Item to be tabled for future meeting.

10) Franchise Structure for Shared E-Scooter Operators in Berkeley - Continued to future meeting.

11) Peace and Justice Commission Subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: No discussion.

12) 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) – Review and discuss comments on the draft LHMP: Item taken ahead of item 8. Ghenis provided handout of comments on LHMP, edits made. Motion by Weiss,

seconded by Walsh, to approve report as amended, and submit to comments to City, all ayes, (6/0/0).

13) Announcements: Weiss: Walk MS19, Saturday, April 27, in Oakland; Walsh: (under item 3) San Pablo Avenue Corridor Study, Wednesday, February 13 at 2:30 Emeryville Senior Center; Singer: Photo of triangular signs blocking sidewalk.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Berkeley Paratransit Services requested to present their 2019-2020 Berkeley Service Program at next meeting.

E. ADJOURNMENT: 9:35 p.m. (Weiss/Ghenis 6/0/0)

Agenda Posted: February 1, 2019

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

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