



COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2025, CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Called to order at 6:35 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Mullings, Commissioner Bonsmith, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Lipp, Commissioner Lyons

Absent: Commissioner Schmitz, Commissioner Beehler

Staff: Secretary Lilian Jewell

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Mullings welcomed Commissioner Lyons to the Commission

3. MINUTES

- Majority approved minutes for meetings on 6/5/2024, 1/22/2025, 3/12/2025, and 5/14/2025

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4-A Info Item: Residential Rehabilitation Program Overview

- Presented by Grecia Mannah-Ayon, Program Manager, Housing and Human Services, City of Alameda
- Grant (minor home modification; up to \$5k) and Loan (up to \$15k) program through HUD and CDBG, administered with Rebuilding Together East Bay Network
 - Focused on accessibility- and safety-related improvements to owner-occupied homes
 - Request ideas for spreading the word to local organizations
- Clarifying Questions
 - Chair Mullings asked why the application is not posted online, especially with zero applications thus far
- Public Comment
 - Speaker Carol Gotsine shared that as a new board member at Mastick, and subscriber to their services and newsletter, she is unaware of this program
- Commissioner Questions and Comments
 - Requested a pdf/public version of the flyer (to be sent via Secretary Jewell)

4-B Info Item: ADA Transition Plan Annual Update

- Presented by Lilian Jewell, ADA Coordinator, City of Alameda
- Summary report of the City's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan including:
 - Community Engagement
 - Departmental Engagement
 - Physical Site Improvements
 - Infrastructure Improvements
 - Program Improvements
- Clarifying Questions
 - Commissioners asked about Sidewalk Repair Program notifications, tree policy, invoicing process

4-C Review and Vote to Approve: Commission Bylaws

- Presented by Lilian Jewell, Commission Secretary
- Review of redline edits and Clarifying Questions
- Commissioner Bonsmith moved to adopt updated Bylaws, Commissioner Lipp seconds
- Unanimous vote to adopt Bylaws, so approved.

5. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

- Chair Mullings welcomed Commissioner Lyons, who gave a short introductory statement
- Commissioner Lyons mentioned Disability Pride Month, July 2025
- Commissioners Bonsmith and Hall had fun representing the Commission at the July 4th Parade
- Chair Mullings recognized Commissioner Roloff's time on the Commission

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Recommendation of book, *Being Heumann* by Judy Heumann
- Disability Pride Event / Rally held at Center for Independent Living in Berkeley, July 11th
- Newly-formed advisory council for Metropolitan Transportation Commission taking applications for members through July 14th
- East Bay Regional Parks District 10-year survey open for community responses for future initiatives, programs, etc.
- SeeClickFix 2024 report to come; request for Commission to submit search terms, areas of interest

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.