

**UNAPPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
Monday, February 23, 2015 6:30 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Present: Chair Harp, Vice-Chair Wilkinson, Commissioners Deutsche, Franco, Kenny, Lord-Hausman, Fort and Warren.

Absent: Commissioners Warren and Tam

2. MINUTES

- 2-A. The minutes for October 27, 2014 were approved with no changes.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

- 3-A. Ann Steiner, Alameda resident, stated there were two issues that concerned her, which is a lack of gas station attendant assistance and lack of Farmer's Market accessibility parking, to which Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated that she would follow up with WABA regarding this issue as accessible parking had previously been available.
- 3-B. Arnold Bollinger stated that it is important that the CDI meet when it shows on the calendar.
- 3-C. Mayor Herrera-Spencer thanked the CDI for their service and informed everyone that she may be reached via e-mail and will do all she can to advocate and support the commission.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4-A. Election of Officers (Secretary Akil)
Vote on election of officers.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman made a motion to nominate Chair Harp as Chair of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deutsche, which carried a unanimous voice vote – 7. Chair Harp abstained.

Vice-Chair Wilkinson made a motion to nominate Commissioner Kenny as Vice-Chair of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lord-Hausman, which carried a unanimous voice vote – 7. Commissioner Kenny abstained.

4-B. Center for Independent Living Presentation (Stuart James/Executive Director)

Stuart James, Executive Director for Center for Independent Living (CIL), which is an advocacy group for people with disabilities, gave a presentation on working with parents and children regarding their disability perception, college expectation and extracurricular activities. Commissioner Lord-Hausman discussed the possibility of CIL participation in Disability Awareness month in October with the CDI, to which Mr. James agreed he would like to participate in with the CDI. Commissioner Deutsche asked about the various programs being offered in schools, to which Mr. Stuart responded they are working with Oakland Unified School and will be reaching out to other school districts to offer the programs.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

5-A. Goals and Objectives 2015

1. Accessible Park: Commissioner Deutsche confirmed that the City's Park and Recreation Department currently includes plans for an accessible play yard within the proposed Jean Sweeney Park.
2. Disability Awareness Month: No updates per Commissioner Kenny.
3. City Website: Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated there is a lot of work to be done. Commissioner Kenny Stated she met with the City Manager's Office who suggested that the CDI design a logo. Commissioner Kenny will forward a proposal to the CDI for consideration.
4. Visible lights/lighted crosswalks along the Shoreline Drive: Commissioner Franco stated that she received a detailed response from Gayle Payne PW who is currently working on this effort.
5. Universal Design Update: Commissioner Lord-Hausman requested this item be added to the Goals and Objectives list.

5-B. Universal Design Update (Andrew Thomas, City Planner)

Andrew Thomas, City Planning Manager acknowledged that the CDI put forth the first draft Universal Design Ordinance, which is at the top of the list for Ordinance passage. However, there have been multiple projects which have State guidelines that must be complied with first. Mr. Thomas stated that the Ordinance will be presented to the Planning Board 2015 for consideration of approval. This would include a joint Planning Board/CDI Public Hearing meeting.

Mayor Herrera-Spencer suggested that any washer/dryer hook-ups should be on the first floor. The Mayor also stated that the City has more control over City-owned land versus

privately owned land.

5-C. City Council Meeting Report (Commissioner Fort):

No report.

5-D. Planning Board Meeting Report (Chair Lord-Hausman):

Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated she met with the developers for Boatworks and discussed accessibility concerns.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- 6-A. Secretary Akil distributed the 2009 Resource Guide and the Letter of Support written by Chair Harp for Alameda as an awardee for the Association of Bay Area Government's Growing Smarter Together Awards for 2015. Secretary Akil stated that Debbie Potter, Community Development Director was extremely pleased with the letter and thanks the Commission for their support.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7-A. The Mastick Seniors Health & Fitness Day/Older Americans Event will be Wednesday May 27, 9:30am to 12 noon. Commissioner Kenny indicated she will attend on behalf of the CDI.
- 7-B. Department of Transportation requested that City Mayors apply to participate in the seven-challenges regarding safe and accessible design for the community. Alameda has applied for this effort.
- 7-C. More ADA Benches installed along Park Street pending each property owner agreement.
- 7-D. The Shoreline drive ribbon cutting ceremony for the Cycle Tracks will be March 7, 2015.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucretia Akil,
Board Secretary