



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Los Angeles City Hall Board of Public Works

200 North Spring Street, Room 350, Los Angeles, California 90012

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Bitonte

David Wolf

Theresa de Vera

Richard Rothenberg

Alisa Schlesinger

Robert Williams

Betty Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Harriet Posner (excused)

Iran Hopkins (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen Simon, Executive Director

COMMISSION STAFF:

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

GUESTS:

Jessica Meaney the Managing Director from
Investing in Place

* AUDIO TAPE(S) and CAPTIONING NOTES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

ITEM NO. (1): CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Bitonte called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. Roll call was conducted and a quorum of the commissioners was present.

Action Taken: Roll call.

ITEM NO. (2): APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Action Taken: Commission approved the October and November meeting minutes.

ITEM NO. (3) Public Comment

Public Commentary Received – For Announcement Purpose Only*

Louis Burns, Customer Service Administrator from Access Services requested to be on the agenda next month to present to the Commission regarding emergency preparedness to address issues of El Nino and Access' plans during unexpected emergencies.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (4): Modernization of the 6th St Bridge

The modernization of the 6th St Bridge was deferred until next meeting because a representative was not present.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (5): Sidewalk Repair Program

Jessica Meaney the Managing Director from Investing in Place presented information regarding policies that support mobility and they has been tracking the City of Los Angeles sidewalk program over the last few years. They have working group meeting to discuss those issues and invited the Department and on Disability (DOD) and other stakeholders to enrich their recommendations and have divers voices. They recommend that the Commission should get involved how transportation services are spending their revenue to ensure sidewalk, transit, and bus stops are accessibility. Stephen David Simon commented on a document from various community organizations for sidewalk plans and from a report that indicates all of the plans for

the City facilities. Another recommendation would be to request for a comprehensive report from engineering where the damage sidewalks within 11,000 miles of City of Los Angeles.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (6) Department of Transportation's Disabled Parking Placard Policy

Will authorized a resolution to the California Medical Association and to support legislation on increasing penalties for disabled parking placard violations and strengthening the enforcement of disabled parking placard codes. Recommending the Commission and the community participate in forums or a working group to address these issues. A resolution to the California Medical Association to support legislation on increasing penalties for disabled parking placards.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (7): Housing Accessibility and Affordability

The item is open for any and all discussion for the Commission regarding the issues of affordability and accessibility.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (8) Emergency Preparedness

Rick Pope from the Department on Disability presented some background information regarding emergency preparedness for El Niño. Executive Directive 14 states that a task force be created to ensure that the City agencies have the resources to take actions necessary for public safety and ensure effective coordination and cooperation of City agencies in addressing El Niño and other entities. The online resources can be found at preparla.org, preparelanow.org, or elninola.com.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (9): Executive Director's Report

Stephen David Simon provided some background information that highlights concerns of the department. The department is focusing on the 2016-17 budget, expanding programs and reinforcing the programs within the department, working on staff restructuring, and on making documents more accessible. The Commission meeting minutes have been posted online on the

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DOD website from August to present. The events that occurred this month are the celebration of World AIDS Day. The AIDS Coordinator's Office will give a report back on their activities.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (10): New Business

President Dr. Robert Bitonte suggested the update for the FOIA request on the eligible enrollment program and the issues of elder abuse concerning information to the increasing or decreasing prevalence of abuse. Commissioner Alisa Schlesinger suggested the research into the policy and procedures for service animals. 1st Vice President David E. Wolf suggested that Mr. Cecil Ingram to speak on his experiences on affordable housing.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (11): Announcements

No announcements were made.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (12): Adjournment

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:39 P.M.