



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 3, 2016 1:00 P.M.
Los Angeles City Hall Board of Public Works
200 North Spring Street, Room 350, Los Angeles, California 90012

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Bitonte
Theresa de Vera
Alisa Schlesinger
Betty Wilson
Robert Williams

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

David Wolf (excused)
Iran Hopkins (excused)
Norma Lopez (excused)
Richard Rothenberg (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen Simon, Executive Director

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

Laura Trejo, General Manager, Department of Aging

GUESTS:

Commissioner Janet Neal, Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities
Eric Menjivar, Communications Director, Office of Assemblymember Mike Gatto
Denny Chan, Justice in Aging

ITEM NO. (1): Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes.

President Bitonte called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Roll call was conducted, and a quorum of the commissioners was present.

Action Taken: Commission approved the July meeting minutes.

ITEM NO. (2) Public Comment.

Public Commentary Received – For Announcement Purpose Only*

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (3): Purposeful Aging.

Laura Trejo, General Manager, Department of Aging gave a presentation on the City's Purposeful Aging Plan. It is a collaborative effort to make Los Angeles a more age-friendly city.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (4): Department of Transportation's Disabled Parking Placard Policy.

Eric Menjivar, Communications Director, Office of Assemblymember Mike Gatto gave a presentation on Disabled Parking Placard Policy. After some discussion with the DMV and other stakeholders, they decided to have a state audit to see the issues regarding the placards and make recommendations.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (5) Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities.

Commissioner Janet Neal, Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities gave a presentation, and then announced Theresa de Vera as a recipient of the “Woman Warrior Award” for being an advocate for the disabled community.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (6): Coordinated Care Initiative.

Denny Chan, Justice in Aging, gave a presentation on the Coordinated Care Initiative. The current enrollment trends streamline the process of enrollment. One of the main issues with the program is that people, who did not join, experienced major problems and huge disruptions whether they were disabled or not.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (7): Commission on Disability Retreat.

Discussion regarding scheduling a Commission on Disability planning retreat every one or two years. The purpose of the retreat is for the Commission to review the mandate and history, and to look at policies that the COD may want to move forward. The meeting is scheduled for October 5th at the Department on Disability; no regular scheduled meeting for October.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (8): Sidewalk Repair Program.

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director of the Department on Disability gave an update on the Sidewalk Repair Program. The new City’s budget year allocated 20 percent of the budget to sidewalk repairs. The DOD is taking

down the names each month of people who request sidewalk repairs and forward them to BOE. There are currently 268 requests in process. The DOD is also conducting site visits at certain locations.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

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

Executive Director Stephen David Simon provided background information and highlights for the Department. The Department is focused on expanding programs, reinforcing existing programs, and making documents accessible to all Angelinos. DOD is working on their metrics, an internal tracking system, and will present next month.

Action Taken: Will present their metrics for next meeting date.

ITEM NO. (10): New Business and Announcements

New business suggested for the next regular meeting's agenda regarding policy recommendations on equal access and opportunity to any private industry was discussed. The new items for next agenda is a presentation on the epidemic of Meningitis and effective immunizations, issues concerning homeless, and a presentation by the LAUSD Board about after school programs.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (11): Adjournment

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:06 P.M.