



# COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

## MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, 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

Iran Hopkins

Richard Rothenberg

Alisa Schlesinger

Robert Williams

Betty Wilson

### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Harriet Posner (excused)

### DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen Simon, Executive Director

Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer

Tony Abraham, Senior Management Analyst

### COMMISSION STAFF:

### OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

Gregory Savelli, LADOT

### GUESTS:

Neal Richman, WCIL

Louis Burns, Access

\* **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 regular meeting to order at 1:19 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 MINUTE**

Action Taken: Commission approved the May 2015 meeting minutes.

**ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT**

PUBLIC COMMENTARY RECEIVED – FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY\*

Action Taken: Public comments were granted.

**ITEM NO. (4) PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR DISABLED ADULT DEPENDENT STATUS WITH FIRE AND POLICE PENSION.**

Some adults with disabilities may qualify as the dependents of fire and police for pension benefits, so it is important to know the policies and procedures. The presentation was to be by Janet Neal, Los Angeles County Commission on Disability.

Action Taken: Item was deferred until the next meeting, due to the unavailability of the presenter.

**ITEM NO. (5): ADA25 CELEBRATION**

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act will be celebrated by the City of Los Angeles on Saturday, July 11, 2015. Disability's staff will discuss the celebration's details at today's commission meeting.

NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY\*

**ITEM NO. (6): VACCINATIONS**

Commission approved motion to recommend Mayor and City Council to support Senate Bill 277 that eliminates personal exemptions for school children for vaccinations.

Action Taken: DOD will prepare a memorandum to be submitted to the Mayer's Office to commend the SB 277 Public Health Vaccinations

**ITEM NO. (7): DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S DISABLED PARKING PLACARD POLICY.**

Gregory Savelli, DOT, presented. The Commission indicated that it would like to continue the conversation, in order to determine whether future legislation might propose:

- i. Proposed better enforcement of placard abuse through heavier fines
- ii. Authorize non-sworn to issue citations
- iii. Change the criteria at DMV for issuing placards, such as two medical examinations, rather than one by the primary care physician.

Additional meetings between DOT and DOD will be arranged and findings will be summarized for the Commission's consideration.

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**ITEM NO. (8): STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT (SSP).**

The Commission on Disability had earlier approved Motion 05062015-6 relative to the Commission on Disability recommending that the Mayor and City Council support the statewide efforts underway to increase the overall SSI amount through the State Supplemental Payment (SSP). Neal Richman, Westside Living Independently Center (WLIC), commented that the legislation in Sacramento lacks support and will likely be suspended.

Action Taken: DOD will prepare a memorandum to be submitted to the Mayer's Office to commend the AB 474 Increase Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

**ITEM NO. (9): LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ACCESS SERVICES.**

Access indicated that the letter of support would no longer be needed, because the METRO needed to make its submission to the federal government before COD could act. Motion 05062015-7 approving a letter of support of Access' petition for an amendment to the federal regulations on fares has been tabled.

NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY\*

**ITEM NO. (10): 2015 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD SUMMER GAMES.**

Angela Kaufman, Department on Disability, continues to work with the multiple agencies to ensure that the facilities for this event are accessible.

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**ITEM NO. (11): DISCUSSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.**

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, highlighted concerns of the department.

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**ITEM NO. (12): PUBLIC COMMENT.**

DISCUSSION.

**ITEM NO. (13): NEW BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NO. (14): ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**ITEM NO. (15):**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:47 P.M.**

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Robert Bitonte, President                      DATE  
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Juliana Soto,                                      DATE  
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY