



# COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

## MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 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

Alisa Schlesinger

Robert Williams

Betty Wilson

Harriet Posner

### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Michael Griggs (excused)

Richard Rothenberg (excused)

### DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen Simon, Executive Director

Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer

Tony Abraham, Senior Management Analyst

### COMMISSION STAFF:

### OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

### GUESTS:

Neal Richman, Westside Independent  
Living Center

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

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

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

President Bitonte called the regular meeting to order at 1:17 P.M. Roll call was conducted and a quorum of the commissioners was present.

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

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN

Commission will approve the December 2014 minutes once they are prepared and presented at the next COD meeting.

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

DISPOSITION: PUBLIC COMMENTARY RECEIVED – FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY\*

Public comments were granted.

**ITEM NO. (4): TRIBUTE TO DR. WALTER WOLF**

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY\*

The Commission honored Dr. Walter Wolf, the father of Commissioner David Wolf. Dr. Walter Wolf passed away on December 25<sup>th</sup> and was the Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Southern California (USC). He conducted the first study on humans of how drugs containing fluorine to treat cancer could be measured non-invasively. President Bitonte presented to two plaques to Commissioner Wolf (and family) from the City of Los Angeles honoring Dr. Walter Wolf.

**ITEM NO. (5): VETERANS HOMELESSNESS AND PROPOSITION 41**

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN: REQUEST THE MAYOR PETITION FOR 15 MILLION TO GO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR 300 UNITS OF VETERAN HOUSING

Staff presented a letter for Commission President's review at the February 4, 2015 meeting of the Commission on Disability. The letter implements motion 08062014-5E that requests the Mayor and City Council to support the City of Los Angeles receiving one third of all monies available under the recently approved Proposition 41. Item is for action. (First appeared on COD Agenda on 8-6-14). The request from the Mayor to capture 15 million of the 300 million in funding for the City of Los Angeles, which has the highest concentration of unemployed and

homeless Veterans, and to do so in a way that allows for local implementation by permitting the funds to be used for capital and operating costs as needed.

**ITEM NO. (6): CALIFORNIA COORDINATED CARE INITIATIVE.**

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

The Commission approved motion 11052014-A relative to studying the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and its impact on people with disabilities. Today's discussion and action are about the consideration of the motion below. DISCUSSION AND ACTION (First appeared on COD Agenda on 11-05-14).

**MOTION 03042015-7** relative to the Commission on Disability requesting data from any and all sources about the impacts of CCI on people with disabilities.

At its meeting of November 5, 2014, the Commission approved the motion that was relative to the Commission on Disability recommending the study of the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and its impact on people with disabilities by inviting testimony from people with disabilities and from subject matter experts.

At the Commission meeting on January 7, 2015, there were presentations by **Neal Richman**, Westside Independent Living Center; **Stephanie Lee**, Supervising Attorney, Health Community Center, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles which serves as the CCI Ombudsman for Los Angeles County.

The Commission wishes to explore whether any program evaluations or customer surveys will be conducted to study the impact of CCI and whether it has disrupted care to people with disabilities.

NEAL RICHMAN: Provided an update and a Senate Budget Report relating to the matter. He also informed the Commission that SB492 was proposed legislation on a Coordinator Care Initiative Bill of Rights. On March 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting with elected officials and they will be asking for public hearings on the matter. He will return to the Commission only if he has new information to report.

Motion passed to send letter requesting data from all sources about the impacts of CCI on people with disabilities.

**ITEM NO. (7): UPDATE ON THE CITY HEALTH COMMISSION**

There was no update given, because there was nothing to update the commission on relating to this matter.

Mr. Rosales will update the commission at the next meeting.

**ITEM NO. (8): PUBLIC COMMENT.**

DISPOSITION: DISCUSSION.

Department of Transportation Disabled Placard Policy. The Department of Transportation is considering changing its current policy and has provided data to the Commission and the Department. This includes creating a two-tier parking system and time restrictions at meters.

**ITEM NO. (9): FUNDRAISING**

DISPOSITION: DISCUSSION.

The Commission has tentatively scheduled a fundraising event for this November.

**ITEM NO. (10): DISCUSSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.**

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY\*

Stephen David Simon provided that there had been meetings with DOT over the potential change in parking policy and the Mayor's mid-year Department review occurred. The Department is in the process of implementing its SOPs and has redefined some staff positions. The Department is also begging training on inclusionary documents pursuant to a lawsuit and starting a door-to-door campaign to see how it can help all other City Departments with compliance issues. The Director also outlined the budget issues for the Department.

**ITEM NO. (11): ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY\*

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA is this summer – there will be an event at City Hall on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM NO. (11): NEW BUSINESS**

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY\*

To place the issue of Department of Transportation Disabled Placard Policy on the next agenda.

To address the issue of personal beliefs of vaccinations for school children and how it impacts those persons with disabilities.

**ITEM NO. (12):**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:25 P.M.**

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Robert Bitonte, President                      DATE  
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Tony Abraham,                                      DATE  
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY