



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Los Angeles City Hall Board of Public Works

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

David Wolf
Robert Bitonte
Sandy Driver-Gordon
Louis Herrera
Harriet Posner
Richard Rothenberg
Alysa Schlessinger

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Theresa May de Vera (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director
Tony Abraham, Chief of Staff
Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer

COMMISSION STAFF:

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

GUESTS:

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

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

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

Second Vice President of Commission, David Wolf, called the regular meeting to order at 1:15 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

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT

DISPOSITION: PUBLIC COMMENTARY RECEIVED – FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY*

Peter Getzoff expressed concerns about the trip scheduling of Access Services.

ITEM NO. (4): IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN. INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Tony Abraham recommended:

1. Closing any action associated with expressing concerns about the State of California not permitting home health workers to work overtime for the IHSS program, because the Governor is no longer opposed to paying for overtime under the IHSS.
2. Closing any action associated with expressing concerns about having home health workers, including relatives of the recipient of care, take 75 hours of training before they can render service. The petition drive to collect signatures to have the 75 hours as a ballot measure failed to collect enough signatures.

ITEM NO. (5): CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH VETERANS HOMELESSNESS AND PROPOSITION 41.

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

- **CONSIDERATION OF MOTION 08062014-5A** relative to thanking Mayor Garcetti and First Lady Obama for their support in our efforts to end homelessness among veterans in the City of Los Angeles.

MOTION APPROVED.

- **CONSIDERATION OF MOTION 08062014-5B** relative to adopting the position that the Commission is committed to the housing and shelter of all homeless veterans in the City of Los Angeles.

MOTION TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

Recommendation to have the motion include:

“...to adopting the position that the Commission is committed to (1) housing, (2) medical care through improving access of veterans to specialized non-veteran health care facilities, (3) employment to develop educational program for employers to understand limitations of disabled veterans; and (4) government agencies to increase the coordination and communication between Department of Defense and Department of Veterans of Affairs.”

- **CONSIDERATION OF MOTION 08062014-5C** relative to recommending to the Mayor’s Office that it uses all measures available to it, including legislation, lobbying, and, if warranted, litigation to acquire the funds necessary to accomplish housing and shelter for all homeless veterans in the City of Los Angeles.

MOTION APPROVED AS AMENDED. Amendment included the wording “Mayor’s Office and City Council...”

- **CONSIDERATION OF MOTION 08062014-5D** relative to recommending to the Mayor and City Council to seek support of the City’s and Commission position on housing of homeless veterans in Los Angeles from the Los Angeles County Medical Association and other appropriate organizations.

MOTION APPROVED AS AMENDED. Amendment included the wording “recommending to the Mayor’s Office and City Council to seek support of the City’s and Commission...”

- **CONSIDERATION OF MOTION 08062014-5E** relative to requesting one third of all monies available under the recently approved Proposition 41 is made available to the City of Los Angeles as it becomes available to the public.

MOTION APPROVED AS AMENDED. Amendment included the wording “recommend to the Mayor’s Office and City Council to request...”

- **CONSIDERATION OF MOTION 08062014-5F** relative to approving one or more commissioners being on the directing board of the Housing for Veterans Fund.

MOTION APPROVED AS AMENDED. Amendment included the wording “recommending to the Mayor’s Office and City Council to approving....”

ITEM NO. (6): UPDATE ON CREATION OF A CITY HEALTH COMMISSION. Presentation by Dahlia Ferlito, DOD.

Ms. Ferlito reported that the City has not taken any further action on the Health Commission, but will confirm this point with the City Attorney’s Office and speak to the Council Committee that oversees this item.

ITEM NO. (7): ANNUAL COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RETREAT.

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN

Commissioners recommended to submit topics for discussion to DOD’s Angela Kaufman and Tony Abraham.

ITEM NO. (8): ELECTION OF COD OFFICERS

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN

The Commission voted and approved the election of the following officers (Alisa Schlesinger as new commissioner abstained):

- President: Commissioner Bitonte
- 1st Vice President: Sandy Driver-Gordon
- 2nd Vice President: David Wolf

ITEM NO. (9): DISCUSSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Stephen Simon provided update on department’s activities.

ITEM NO. (10): PUBLIC COMMENT.

DISPOSITION: DISCUSSION.

ITEM NO. (11): NEW BUSINESS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Recommendation should be submitted for consideration by the commission.

ITEM NO. (12): ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

None.

ITEM NO. (13): ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

No announcements.

ITEM NO. (14): ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 P.M.

Sam Overton, President DATE
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist DATE
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY