



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, 2013

Los Angeles City Hall Board of Public Works

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sam Overton
David Wolf, 1st Vice President
Theresa May de Vera
Terry Magady
Sandy Driver-Gordon
Betty Wilson
Stephen Simon

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Sandy Driver-Gordon (Excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Regina Houston-Swain, Executive Director
Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer
Richard Pope, ADA Coordinator/ SLI Interpreter
Richard Ray, ADA Coordinator
Tony Abraham, Administration
Ralph Acuna, Information & Referral

COMMISSION STAFF:

Daisy Bonilla, Clerk Typist

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

Abraham Tejada, Street Services
Lisa Mendez, Planning

GUESTS:

Louis Burns, Access
Mark Malone, Access Services
Ruben Prieto, Access Services
Ariel Straus

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

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

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

Commission President Sam Overton called the regular meeting to order at 1:15 P.M. on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at 200 N. Spring Street, Room 350, Los Angeles, CA 90012; and followed by brief announcements. Roll call was conducted and a quorum of the commissioners was present.

ITEM NO. (2): APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTE SUMMARIES OF JULY 10, 2013

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN

Minutes were not approved for COD meeting of August 2013, but will be at the next COD meeting.

ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT

DISPOSITION: PUBLIC COMMENTARY RECEIVED – FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY*

No public comment.

ITEM NO. (4): NOMINATION FOR COMMISSION OFFICERS

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

Sam Overton was nominated for president; Steven Simon and Theresa de Vera were nominated for first vice president; and David Wolf was nominated for second vice president. The commission will take the vote for these positions at the November 2013 COD meeting.

ITEM NO. (5): UPDATE ON LAWA ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN. INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Four new nominees will be recommended for the LAWA Access Advisory Committee and those nominees are: Ethan Meigs, Oscar Sanchez, Myrna Cabanban, and Ruthee Goldkorn. The Committee will also review possible changes to its by-laws.

ITEM NO. (6): ACCESS SERVICES – Discussion by Access Services staff (see guest list)

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Access Services will report back in December to discuss new reservation system, especially in the San Fernando Valley. Sam Overton will send a summary of the issues to DOD staff and Access Services, which should be addressed at the December COD meeting.

ITEM NO. (7): NEW HEALTH CARE REFORMS – Discussion by Ralph Acuna and Tony Abraham, DOD

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Staff reported on basic features of the Affordable Care Act and the California Coordinated Initiative, making a commitment to send information out electronically to the commissioners.

ITEM NO. (8): DISABILITY MENTORING DAY – Discussion by Ralph Acuna

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Ralph Acuna announced that Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) is scheduled for September 16, 2017 and that volunteers are welcomed. DMD pairs mentors with people with disability for a daylong of mentoring on employment, city government, and other areas of interest.

ITEM NO. (9): DISABILITY ART EXHIBIT – Discussion by Sheridan Keyser

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Sheridan Keyser announced that the 6th Annual Disability Art Exhibit will be on display from October 3 to November 4 and a reception will be given on October 29th.

ITEM NO. (10): REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION DURING STREET MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS - Discussion by Abraham Tejada

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Abraham Tejada, Public Works, Bureau of Street Services, will meet and discuss with Angela Kaufman and others to develop a protocol for notifying and granting reasonable accommodations during street maintenance and improvements, and report back to the commission.

ITEM NO. (11): EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Discussion about the Department on Disability, Executive Director, Regina Houston-Swain.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Regina Houston-Swain, Executive Director, Department on Disability reported on the activities of the Department.

She announced that the Spanish language version of the Emergency Preparedness Manual for People with Disabilities was published and thanked the Emergency Management Department for the funding.

She also announced that the budget process was starting and that she had met with Mayor Garcetti who will likely institute new changes throughout the City.

The ADA division provided ADA coordinators' training in September and the training was well received.

The Executive Director also reported that the Deaf Festival was again successful, thanks to the efforts of Richard Ray.

ITEM NO. (12): PUBLIC COMMENT

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

No public comment

ITEM NO. (13): NEW BUSINESS SUGGESTED FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

DISPOSITION: RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING:

- Place MYLA 311 on the next agenda for discussion.
- Place Outdoor Fitness Program on the next agenda for discussion.
- Place the impact of sequestration on local transportation on the agenda.

ITEM NO. (14): ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:01 P.M.

Sam Overton, President DATE
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Daisy Bonillo, DATE
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY