

**Commission on Disability
MINUTES
Wednesday, April 14, 2010**

1. Roll call. Present: Commissioner Ed Gold
Commissioner Denise Trahan
Commissioner Simi Litvak
Commissioner Peter Mendoza
Commissioner Jennifer Uphoff
Commissioner Gabriela Castello-Kramer

Absent: Commissioner Madelyn Stelmach
Commissioner Giovana Giscome

3. Approval of Draft Minutes (February 10, 2010),
A motion was made to accept the minutes as written (Commissioners Trahan/Castello-Kramer, Ayes: Unanimous.

4. Announcements from Commissioners and or Staff.

Commissioner Litvak stated this is her first meeting as Chair. Dare to Dream Attendant Services has called her and wants to meet; Commissioner Castello-Kramer will follow-up on the request.

Commissioner Mendoza informed the commission that he recently got married and he has taken a new job at CIL as the Client Assistance Coordinator. His wife's name is Jennifer.

Commissioner Castello-Kramer recently organized a disaster preparedness group in her neighborhood, it was a big success, and she was accepted into Law School.

5. Public comment

Bonnie McFadyen, Internim ED at Easy Does It introduced herself.

Joe Partansky discussed various events that are coming up; Alameda Multicultural Center is having a Disability Gala, the Caltrans settlement is up for any public comment; and there is another hearing on a lawsuit settlement in Contra Costa County.

Maseo Wiggins, Program Manager at ACTIA, talked about the emergency wheelchair rides and the medical trip home program

Peoples Park 40th anniversary party is on the 25th of April, all are invited.

6. Presentation and Discussion with Office of Emergency services, Sabina Imrie, Assistant Chief of Special Operations.

Assistant Chief Imrie stated there still a lot to do related to the CFILC document, in particular communication over video relay. Some of the work is being accomplished on a broader basis, such as on a county level. As plans are developed the commission will have a chance to review them

7. Continued Discussion of Smoking in Common Areas.

City staff is asking for a 90% non-smoking policy, and to allow marijuana smokers while the Community health Commission is asking for a 100% ban. A motion was made to support the Community Health Commission recommendation of 100% smoke free units (Commissioners Castello-Kramer/trahan, Ayes: Commissioners Litvak, Uphoff, Trahan, Castello-Kramer, Mendoza; No's, Commissioner Gold)

8. Continued Discussion of Berkeley's Pool Bond Initiative

Commissioner Stelmach, through Commissioner Litvak, asked for support of the commission on Measure C, the new pool bond initiative. A motion was made to support Measure C, (Commissioner Gold/Uphoff, Ayes: Unanimous.)

9. Discussion of New Proposal from Parking Mobility,

There was a brief discussion of the program, but it was felt more direct information from the vendor was necessary before the commission could act. This item was carried over until May.

10. Discussion of Audible Pedestrian Signals and Their Use in the City of Berkeley.

Commissioner Gold wanted to check with the School for the Blind in Fremont and other groups that benefit from APS in order to better determine what is needed. This item as carried over until May.

11. Discussion and Development of a Commission Work Plan,

There was a brief discussion centered on what's the purpose of the commission, its history, who wants to work on what issues, and how to get better utilization of the commission by the public. A decade ago the Commission was very vocal and active. Possibly hold a public hearing to hear what the community wants.

12. Recommendation of Reviewer for Evaluation of Proposals for Provision of Emergency Services.

Health and Human Service is looking for people to serve on a review panel for the Measure E proposals. Because Commissioner Mendoza sits on the EDI board, he recused himself from the discussion and vote. Commissioner Gold expressed an interest in serving as did Commissioners Litvak and Castello- Kramer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.