



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

MINUTES – 2/22/2024

Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 22, 2023, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Location: 455 County Center, Room COB 101, Redwood City, CA

Public Attendance Link to join Zoom Meeting: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/93345055035>

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Meeting ID: 933 4505 5035

Item No.	Item Description	Person(s) Responsible	Item Allotted Time
1.	<p><u>Review and Approval of Minutes and Agenda:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners Present: Janet Borgens, Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Evan Milburn, Tryn Miller, Gurpreet Padam, Timothy Ponti, Syroun Sanossian, Steven Van, Lisa Weiner, Florence Wong • Excused: Angela Piazza • Absent: Ligia Andrade Zuniga, Robert Hall • Approval of Minutes from January meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn ○ Second by Commissioner Milburn ○ Unanimously approved • Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve by Commissioner Borgens ○ Second by Commissioner Miller ○ Unanimously approved • Virtual Attendees: Amy Keeney, Helen Lo, Ilisa Kessler, Ligia Andrade Zuniga, Mary Yung, Tyler Krochmal, Gabriela Solval, Jerron Harding, Ben McMullan 	Florence Wong, CoD Vice President Andrew Eng, CoD staff liaison	5 min
2.	<p><u>Meeting Etiquette Reminders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew reminded all attendees to treat each other with respect, and provided instructions on how to participate during the meeting 	Andrew Eng	1 min
3.	<p><u>Public Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriela Solval with SCDD provided an update on programs and services offered through SCDD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SCDD is looking for individuals to share their own stories 	Florence Wong	5 min

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocate events and trainings are all listed on their event calendar ● Evan Milburn announced the annual polar plunge on Saturday, February 24th at 8:30AM 		
4.	<u>President's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None 	Florence Wong	2 min
5.	<u>Staff Report:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lisa Mancini, Director, Aging and Adult Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lisa provided an update on the search for a new AAS director ● Andrew Eng, CoD Staff Liaison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andrew announced the New Beginnings Coalition stakeholder meeting which will be held on Tuesday, March 5th, 8:30-11AM at Veterans Memorial Senior Center 	AAS Staff	10 min
6.	<u>Guest Speaker: Special Olympics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation on Special Olympics of Northern California programs ● Speakers: David Solo, President & CEO Heather Jones, VP School & Youth Services Matt Bell, Director of Volunteer Services Steven Del Zompo Sports Manager San Mateo County ● Group discussed local programs, partnering schools, upcoming events, and plans to continue expanding programs in San Mateo County. 	David Solo, Special Olympics Northern California	20 min
7.	<u>CoD Committee Reports:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Executive Committee – Florence Wong, Vice President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion on establishing a Commission Policy for inviting the Board of Supervisors and the County Executive Office to all events ○ Draft a letter to invite President of Board or their designee to speak at the event, as well as the Board of Supervisor assigned to the CoD, as there needs to be a logical reason to request that an elected speak ○ The letter would invite all members on the Board of Supervisors, but not all to speak ○ This can be a template of a letter, and also a set of rules for event hosting ○ A check list/procedure to host an event will be needed which can be added ● Special Events Committee – Andrew Eng <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of Funding Request Letter to Supervisor Slocum ○ Commissioners reviewed the letter and made some slight modifications ○ Vote will be held next month to official approve the letter 	Chairs	3 minutes per chair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA Compliance Committee – Steven Van, Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ADA training for County’s ADA Coordinators was discussed ○ At a separate meeting, Susie Castoria and Tory Newman provided a training for commissioners on how to make observations at future site visits ○ Committee is currently working through the property list to prioritize projects based on scoring criteria outlined at the last committee meeting ○ Goal is to have the list ready to submit to the County’s Department of Public Works by July • Youth and Family Committee – Evan Milburn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting had to be rescheduled from February 15th to February 28th ○ Transition to Independence Fair recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Milburn said the event was overall a success ▪ The commission commended Commissioners Miller and Milburn for agreeing to speak and share their experiences with attendees ▪ Feedback was that the vendor hall got very loud • Legislation, Advocacy and Outreach Committee – Janet Borgens, and Evan Milburn, Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Borgens provided a high level summary bills currently being watched ○ Legislation that is of particular interest to the Committee is AB817 • Accessible Transportation Committee – Evan Milburn and Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The January meeting was cancelled due to attendance ○ At the February meeting, the group will plan to discuss the DEM letter and the bus stop relocation for Veteran’s Village ○ Committee will also look to get more information on the Bus Stop Improvement plan 		
8.	<u>Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote to approve letter template and checklist for event hosting guidance • Vote to approve funding request letter 	All	2 min
9.	<u>Final Comments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	All	5 min
10.	<u>Adjournment:</u> Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: Thursday, March 28, 2024 • Location: 455 County Center, Room 101, Redwood City, CA 94063 	All	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjourned at 4:51• Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, second by Commissioner Miller• Unanimously approved		
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Aging and Adult Services Division

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