

**Commission on Disabilities General Meeting  
Minutes**

**January 26, 2017**

Present: Ligia Andrade, , Susy Castoria, , Rick Halloran, Randall Jones, Vincent Merola, Charlie Schuette, Scott Sinor, Charlie Weidanz

Absent: Jennifer Camota, Robert Hall, Helen Lo, Ramiro Maldonado, Caroline McHenry, Ashley Roehm,

Ex-Officio Members: Lori Musso, Linda Young, Office of Education

Guests: Juda Tolmasoff, Office of Supervisor Groom; Veronica Navarro, Aimee Daly, Hal Schuette, Community Members

Staff: Michelle Makino, Community Services Manager, Craig McCulloh, Staff Liaison to the CoD, Community Program Analyst II, Aging and Adult Services

tee	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Although there was no flag in the room, members were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.	None
<b>Introductions and Announcements</b>	Commissioners and guests introduced themselves. There were no announcements.	None
<b>Approval of the Minutes</b>	Approval of the Minutes from November 17, 2016 were postponed due to a lack of a approved as written.	None
<b>Oral Communications</b>	Aimee Daly read a letter outlining concerns of how GGRC handled the closure and clients of four adult residential facilities operated by Social Vocational Services. Of particular concern was the manner in which displaced clients were placed out-of-county throughout the State, away from their families and communities, and without their input on their preferences.	Issues to be referred to the CoD Executive Committee.
<b>Guest Presentation</b>	Lori Musso, Administrator, Curriculum and Instruction Services, and Linda Young, Principal K-12, San Mateo County Office of Education gave an overview of the Office of Education.	
<b>Staff Report</b>	Michelle Makino gave an update on the proposed Governor’s Budget and how the funding of the Coordinated Care Initiative will be given back to the counties. Craig McCulloh introduced Hal Schuette who was a classmate at Burlingame High School of Ed Roberts who is known as the founder of the disabilities rights movement in the U.S. Hal shared his Class of 1956 year book that was dedicated to Ed Roberts. <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del>	None
<b>President’s Report</b>	President Castoria reported on the CoD interviews of prospective Commissioners and reviewed how the CoD is an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.	None

**Committee Reports**

- **CoD Executive Committee-Susy Castoria, Chair**
  1. **Report on CoD Strategic Plan/Goal Setting "Create-Connect & Educate"** – looking at short term (next 6 months) and long term (2-3 years) goals. The Executive Committee determined the CoD Committees' issue areas and priorities as follows:
    - ADA Compliance:** Barrier removal and accessible housing
    - Executive:** Accessible Transportation
    - Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach:** Health care and support.
    - Special Events:** CoD Inclusion Festival and logistical support for other committees
    - Youth and Family:** Transition to Independence Fair and employment
    - Nominating:** Election of CoD Officers for 2017-18
  2. **Commissioners' Selection of Committee Assignments-**
    - Commissioner Andrade: Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach (Chair) & Executive
    - Commissioner Comota: Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach
    - Commissioner Castoria: ADA Compliance (Chair) & Executive (Chair)
    - Commissioner Hall: Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach, (Vice-Chair) & Executive
    - Commissioner Halloran: ADA Compliance
    - Commissioner Jones: Special Events (Chair) & Executive (Co-Vice Chair) & Youth and Family
    - Commissioner Lo: Nominating (Chair) & Liaison to IHSS Public Authority
    - Commissioner Maldonado: Special Events & Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach
    - Commissioner McHenry: Special Events
    - Commissioner Merola: Youth & Family (Chair) & Executive
    - Commissioner Roehm: Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach
    - Commissioner Schuette: Liaison to Commission on Aging
    - Commissioner Sinor: Absent- no attendance or preference stated
    - Commissioner Weidanz: Executive (Co-Vice Chair) & ADA Compliance & Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach
- **ADA Compliance Committee - Susy Castoria, Chair**
  1. **Update on Masterplan for 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. Campus-225 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. is**

slated to be torn down within the next 5-7 years and replaced with an SMMC Administration Building. First priority is complete renovation of the old portion (1954) of the SMMC which needs to have seismic upgrades by 2020.

2. **Update on Accessible Parking at 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.**- no update
3. **Update on ADA Improvement Project at 225 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.**- Plans to be approved by January with a scheduled groundbreaking in early Spring.
4. **Update on Site Evaluation of Toyan Campground in Huddart Park-** Committee reviewed the recently renovated restrooms which included 2 showers and 2 toilet stalls. This is a major improvement that the Committee has worked on with the Parks Department.
5. **Report on Magical Bridge Playground Site Visit in Palo Alto-** Members of the Committee along with Parks Department staff recently visited this accessible playground. A lot of thought and effort went into the accessible design of this playground which serves as an excellent model for other accessible playgrounds. The Parks Department is considering collaborating with the Magical Bridge Foundation to build a similar playground in Flood Park, located in Menlo Park.

• **Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach Committee – Ligia Andrade, Chair:**

1. **Update on Accessible Parking Awareness Campaign-** Committee still looking for funding for the video project with the Sheriff's Office.
2. **Update on IHSS Consumer Issues-** Committee is considering planning an IHSS Consumer Summit and currently working on obtaining more background information regarding the IHSS program.
3. **Update on Disabilities Networking Activities-** Committee has been discussing ideas about networking with the other Commissions in the County to help promote inclusion throughout the County.

• **Youth & Family Committee –Vincent Merola, Chair**

1. **Scheduling of De-Briefing of the 2016 Transition to**

	<p><b><u>Independence Fair-</u></b> Scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2016 3:00 -5:00 p.m. in Room 100. Social gathering afterwards at Jack's in San Mateo.</p>	
<p><b>Liaison Reports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Liaison reports were discussed as follows: Commissioner Schuette reported on the November CoA meeting which Supervisor Tissier attended to provide her farewell remarks as she is leaving her Office in December. The CoA also discussed potential speakers for upcoming meetings. Commissioner Hall reported on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery Commission meeting where they discussed an update on the Cordilleras project, the Emergency Response Team with Police, inmates with mental disabilities in the County jail and the Serenity House project to provide psychiatric services to those who otherwise would require emergency psychiatric services. Commissioner Merola reported on the SamTrans community forum regarding the Senior Mobility project. He also announced the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) is working on hosting a Regional PCC Meeting in February. Commissioner Lo reported that the IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee will be meeting in January to set their priorities and recommending training for providers.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Andrade recommended having a CoD Calendar and that she was willing to be the point person to develop and update the calendar with CoD events.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The Meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at 225 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 100 San Mateo*</p> <p>*location of meeting was subsequently changed to 801 Gateway Blvd. in South San Francisco</p>	