

**Commission on Disabilities General Meeting
Minutes
May 25, 2017**

Present: Ligia Andrade, Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Susy Castoria, Robert Hall, Randall Jones, Helen Lo, Caroline McHenry, Vee Navarro, Nathan Perkins, Angela Piazza, Ashley Roehm,

Absent: Rick Halloran, Ramiro Maldonado, Lawrence Riegler, Charlie Schuette, Charlie Weidanz, Hannah Whiteside, Shuo Zhang

Ex-Officio Members: None

Guests: Juda Tolmasoff, Office of Supervisor Groom; Jim Fochetti, Community

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

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION
Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. Although there was no flag in the room, members were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.	None
Introductions and Announcements	Commissioners and guests introduced themselves. There were no announcements.	None
Approval of the Minutes	The Minutes from April 27, 2017 were reviewed by the Commission. Corrections to the minutes included Commissioner Piazza being listed as present when she was absent. Commissioner Jones clarified his report under Special Events Committee to quote, "Not in the spirit, but a violation of the Brown Act."	Minutes were approved as corrected (M/S/C Roehm/McHenry) Commissioner Piazza abstained.
Oral Communications	There was none from the public, however Commissioner Jones discussed an editorial in the San Mateo Daily Journal regarding proposed further cuts by the Board of Supervisors in Measure K funding for SamTrans. He questioned how this related to Supervisor Groom's proposal to increase funding for paratransit. President Castoria clarified that the Measure K funding to SamTrans has historically been to reduce the operating deficits of SamTrans, and not specifically paratransit. SamTrans has reduced its operating structural deficits and thus not in need of the same level of funding. However, Supervisor Groom's funding proposal would go to enhance paratransit services including Redi-Wheels and Redi-Coast.	None
Staff Report	Craig McCulloh announced about the month of May being celebrated as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in the County. BHRS was distributing green ribbons in recognition of this month. Green ribbons were distributed to Commissioners to wear.	None
President's Report	None	None

Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoD Executive Committee-Susy Castoria, Chair: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approval of a letter to the Board of Supervisors supporting transportation funding specifically for paratransit: The Commission discussed this letter in-depth. Some Commissioners felt that they did not have enough input on the letter, although the content to be included in the letter was discussed in detail at the Executive Committee Meeting. There was also a question about the signatory of the letter being Staff Liaison to the CoD. 2) Approval of a letter to the Board of Supervisors opposing H.R. 620 The ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017: The Commission extensively debated the wording in the letter, but arrived at an agreement to change "H.R. 620" to "this bill" in three instances contained in the letter. 3) Review of CoD Liaison Positions: This was tabled until next month. • ADA Compliance Committee - Susy Castoria, Chair: The RFP for a CAsp Certified Access Specialist was issued to help update the County's ADA Transition Plan and to conduct ADA Site Evaluations of County-owned or leased facilities. There are three strong candidates, interviews to take place in June. • Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach Committee – Robert Hall Co-Chair: The Accessible Parking Video project has been deferred, but still looking for possible funding sources for this project. The Committee discussed the IHSS presentation given last month and worked on initial conclusions and determined the need to review all the rules and regulations of the IHSS program. The Committee also discussed the meeting/site visit with the Correctional Health Staff at the Maguire Correctional Facility. There were a number of ADA issues and challenges for Correctional Health Staff with non-violent inmates remaining longer in the County facilities, but yet experiencing mental health disabilities. The Committee also discussed the CoD Networking Event, and the frustration of 	<p>(M/S Failed: Hall/Lo Y = Castoria, Hall, Lo, Perkins N = Andrade, Jones, McHenry, Navarro, Piazza, Roehm A= Cadigan Hearn There was then a motion to table the letter until the end of the meeting to give more time for the Commission to review and recommend changes to the letter. (M/S C) Roehm/Piazza: At the end of the meeting, there was a motion to approve the letter with the Secretary of the CoD being the signatory which was approved with Commissioner Lo being the only dissenting vote. M/S C) Roehm/Jones</p> <p>(M/S/C) Hall/Lo: Unanimous with changes.</p> <p>None None</p> <p>None</p>
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	<p>not being able to move forward due to external concerns within the CMO regarding the use of County Staff time for this event. With a number of other Commissions, including the Youth Commission interested in doing some type of networking, Supervisor Groom's Office is working on an idea for an event that would include 5-6 Commissions. More details to follow.</p> <p><u>Special Events Committee- Randall Jones, Chair:</u> Commissioner Jones did not attend the Special Events Committee meeting, so Commissioner Piazza reported: To provide greater public access to the artwork of the Art Showcase, the Committee is looking into having some of the artwork be exhibited at local galleries in the community, geographically looking to find three venues, one each in Redwood City, San Mateo and Daly City. The CoD Inclusion Festival is being moved to next year due as there are concerns about the weather in the Fall and having two major events (TIF & Inclusion Festival) within the same time period. Also, need to determine if the CMO is still willing to fund this event. Ideas around having a CoD Luncheon will also be considered next year.</p> <p><u>Youth & Family Committee –Charlie Wiedanz, Interim Chair:</u> Commissioner Weidanz did not attend the General Meeting, so Commissioner Navarro reported: Planning for the 2017 Transition to Independence Fair (TIF) continues. Initial fundraising efforts are underway, as well determining potential vendors to invite. Hope to have at least 50 vendors. Next meeting will be held at Sequoia High School on June 7th so the Committee can have a better sense of the layout of the venue.</p> <p><u>Nominating Committee –Helen Lo, Chair:</u> Commissioner Lo presented the Slate of CoD Officers for 2017-18 which the Nominating Committee approved at their last meeting: President: Commissioner Weidanz, Vice-President: Robert Hall, Secretary, Angela Piazza. Election will be held next at the June CoD General Meeting, at which time nominations from the floor will be accepted.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
Liaison Reports	There were no Liaison Reports.	None
Other Business	Commissioner Andrade brought up a suggestion for the CoD to have a retreat to talk about issues and concerns. The Commission discussed the scheduling of the retreat and arrive at a consensus not to hold the retreat in August.	The Executive Committee will come up with a plan and schedule for the retreat.
Adjournment	The Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.	
	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday, June 22, 2017</p> <p>3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 225 37th Avenue, Room 100 in San Mateo.</p>	