

**Commission on Disabilities General Meeting
Minutes
May 26, 2016**

Present: Ligia Andrade, Susy Castoria, , Robert Hall, Randall Jones, Helen Lo, Ramiro Maldonado, , Vincent Merola, Skye Parker, Ashley Roehm, Charlie Scheutte, Scott Sinor

Absent: Gwendolyn Barnhart, Mei-Mei Chun-Moy (Youth Commissioner), Gerda Cohn, Jennifer Contreras, Jim Engval , Rick Halloran, Rob Heagy, Caroline McHenry, Charlie Weidanz

Guests: Juda Tolmasoff, Office of Supervisor Groom; Harold Scheutte, public

Staff: Michelle Makino, Program Services 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 3:07 p.m. and 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	Approval of the Minutes from April 28, 2016 was postponed as Minutes were unavailable.	Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.
Oral Communications	There were no Oral Communications	None
Presentation:	"Update on the County Housing Blue Ribbon Committee" was presented by Jessica Stanfield-Mullin, from the County Manager's Office. She highlighted the three main areas the Committee has been working on in addition to online resources.	None
Staff Report	Michelle Makino reported on the Senior Day at the County Fair and about the upcoming RFP for Older Americans Act programs scheduled to be issued in the Fall 2016.	None
President's Report	President Castoria discussed the County's Wellness "Walkadoo" Program where County employees are awarded cash prizes for walking various distances. The program is not inclusive for employees with disabilities. President Castoria has been appointed as a "technical advisor" to the Wellness Committee to help address this issue.	None
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoD Executive Committee-Susy Castoria, Chair <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vacancies and Appointments-there are 3 vacancies at this time. The CoD has a continuous recruitment process, so interested individuals 	

are encouraged to apply.

2. **De-briefing on Transportation Focus of CoD's April General Meeting-** Commissioners discussed their reactions and views of the dialog that occurred between the CoD, SamTrans Ceo, Jim Hartnett and his staff, and Supervisor Groom. It was noted that the CoD brought forth serious issues and concerns regarding SamTrans paratransit services not adequately meeting the needs of its ridership and the overall inflexibility of SamTrans to address these issues, along with the financial burden that some riders bare when using paratransit. Also, disabilities sensitivity education is warranted in reference to the manner in which the word "schizophrenic" was used by SamTrans during the meeting.
3. **Update on Public Transportation to 801 Gateway-SSF. –** President Castoria and CoD Staff, Craig McCulloh met with City Councilwoman and SamTrans Board of Directors member, Karyl Matsumoto to discuss accessible transportation options. While it is not feasible to change the route of the City's existing shuttle service, Councilwoman Matsumoto was very supportive and interested in pursuing alternative ways to provide public transportation to 801 Gateway. She will be providing the CoD with the appropriate contacts at SamTrans to further look into possible options.
4. **Update on CoD 25th Anniversary Celebration Activities-** A CoD 25th Anniversary Luncheon is being planned as a fundraiser to raise funds for a larger community celebration in September. John Maltbie, County Manager has agreed serve as the Honorary Chair of the Luncheon.
5. **Update on 2016 Art Showcase-** This year, the Art Showcase will be at the Caldwell Gallery as a featured exhibit for artists with disabilities for the month of October. However, the CoD will not be involved with the administrative responsibilities of the exhibit which is being handled by the Curator of the Caldwell Gallery, Boris Koodin is contracted by the Arts Commission to oversee the gallery. He will be issuing a Call for Artists later this Summer. The Art

Showcase will not be a juried exhibit and the CoD will not be hosting a reception this year. Artists will be able to sell their works on their own or through their sponsoring agency. Agencies will be notified of all the changes this year.

- **ADA Compliance Committee - Susy Castoria, Chair**
 1. **ADA Site Evaluations-** Recent site evaluation in Daly City with a building owned by the City, and proposed lease to the County. Number of accessibility issues exist. City officials want to meet with Committee who is working with Real Property on this project. Committee wants to better define its role in this regard.
 2. **New Project Manager for 225 37th Ave. Project-**Alton Jefferson is the new Project Manager taking over from Noel Manuel who recently retired. Mr. Jefferson attended the last ADA Compliance Committee meeting and is getting caught up to speed on this very important project.
 3. **Access of County Court System and Criminal Justice System-**Based upon the recent ADA site evaluation of the new jail, concerns have developed regarding the sentencing and where inmates with disabilities are being housed and the availability of correctional rehabilitation programs available to those inmates. A meeting with the County's DA is being planned as a first step in understanding these issues.

- **Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach Committee – Ligia Andrade, Chair:**
 1. **Update on Accessible Parking Education and Enforcement Campaign** – Committee members recently met with representatives from the Sheriff's Office who pledged their support and willingness to participate in putting together a video. However, they do not have any funding available for this project.

- **Youth & Family Committee –Vincent Merola, Chair**
 1. **Update on the Planning of the 2016 Transition to Independence Fair-** Planning is moving ahead smoothly with various subcommittees working on different aspects of the event which is scheduled for Sat. October 15th at El Camino H.S. in SSF.

- **Nominating Committee-Helen Lo, Chair-** The Committee put forth the following Slate of CoD Officers for 2015-16: Susy Castoria, President, Randall Jones and Charlie Weidanz, Co-Vice-Presidents and Ligia Andrade as Secretary. Election to be held at the June 23rd CoD General Meeting. The CoD Procedural Rules will need to be amended prior to allow for

	having the Co-Vice-President positions. Staff will inquire with County Counsel on the amendment language which will also be on next month's agenda.	
Liaison Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Liaison reports were discussed as follows: Commissioner Scheutte has volunteered to attend the next Commission on Aging meeting to see if this is a Liaison he might be interested in serving. President Castoria reported on the Cal-Medi-Connect Meeting held at the HPSM. Commissioner Lo reported on the Public Authority meeting and Craig McCulloh reported on the Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting. 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Andrade provided information on recent Rent Stabilization Ballot Measures. Vice-President Sinor informed the CoD about Disaster Prep. Day-June 8th and the SSF CERT Safety Needs event on June 8th. 	
Adjournment	The Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.	
	Next Meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2016 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at 225 37 th Avenue, Room 100 San Mateo	