



Minutes

**Special Meeting
Accessibility and Disability Commission
Tuesday, June 22, 2021
5:00 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Cy Estabrook, James Farr, Danielle Friberg (joined at 5:24 PM), Casey Jagusch, Andrea Jennings, Sharon Rogers, Martin Sweeney, Michael Warner II

Commissioners Absent: Mark Waterson (excused)

Staff Present: Ali Everett, Lola Osborne, Tamer Sabha

1. Call to order

Chair Farr called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

1. Roll call

Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

2. New business

• Report from the Robert Gorski Access Award Ad Hoc Committee and Selection of the 2021 Award Recipient

After discussion, it was moved (Warner II) and seconded (Rogers) to support the Robert Gorski Access Award ad hoc committee's recommendation of selecting Donna Pomerantz as the 2021 Robert Gorski Access Award recipient. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Farr, Jennings, Estabrook, Jagusch, Rogers, Warner II, Sweeney

• Review and Approval of Commission Attendance Record for FY 2020-2021

After discussion, it was moved (Sweeney) and seconded (Estabrook) to approve the Accessibility and Disability Commission Meeting Attendance Record for FY 2020-2021. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Farr, Jennings, Estabrook, Jagusch, Rogers, Warner II, Sweeney

- **Review and Approval of Commission Accomplishments for FY 2020-2021**
After discussion, it was moved (Sweeney) and seconded (Rogers) to approve the Accessibility and Disability Commission Report of Accomplishments for FY 2020-2021. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Farr, Jennings, Estabrook, Friberg, Jagusch, Rogers, Warner II, Sweeney

- **Report from the Nominating Committee for Recommended FY 2021-2022 Commission Officers (Oral Report)**
The Nominating Committee recommended Commissioner Farr to serve as Chair and Commissioner Jennings to serve as Vice-Chair for FY 2021-2022.

- **Election of Commission Officers for FY 2021-2022**
After discussion, it was moved (Rogers) and seconded (Warner II) to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation for Commissioner Farr to serve as Chair and Commissioner Jennings to serve as Vice-Chair for FY 2021-2022. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Farr, Jennings, Estabrook, Friberg, Jagusch, Rogers, Warner II, Sweeney

- **Chair to Appoint Parliamentarian for FY 2021-2022**
Chair Farr appointed Commissioner Jagusch to serve as Parliamentarian for FY 2021-2022.

BREAK: At 6:12 PM, the Commission took a break. The meeting resumed at 6:23 PM

- **Establish Work Plan for FY 2021-2022**
After discussion, it was moved (Sweeney) and seconded (Warner II) to approve the Accessibility and Disability Commission draft work plan for FY 2021-2022, subject to review and recommendation by the work plan ad hoc committee prior to the Commission's July meeting. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Farr, Jennings, Estabrook, Friberg, Jagusch, Rogers, Warner II, Sweeney

Chair Farr appointed Commissioners Jagusch, Jennings, and Warner II to the FY 21-22 draft work plan review ad hoc committee.

Public Comment:

Donna Pomerantz, a Pasadena resident, submitted a public comment requesting the Commission hold a study session about the accessibility impacts of protected bike lanes/cycle tracks.

3. Old business

- None

4. Reports/comments from the Chair

None

5. Comments from Commissioners

Vice-Chair Jennings thanked staff for their hard work and dedication, and thanked Deputy Director Osborne for attending the Commission's annual meeting.

Commissioner Sweeney commented on the Pasadena Media show he hosts called "In The Space", highlighting a recent episode featuring Zebreda Dunham, a Pasadena resident who provides assistive technology instructional videos on her website www.zebredamakesitwork.com.

6. Staff comments

Staff (Osborne) congratulated the Commission on completing their work plan and thanked them for their commitment.

Staff (Everett) provided the following comments:

- The Commission's updated Rules and Regulations were approved at the City Council meeting on Monday, May 3, and were included in the June meeting agenda packet;
- Formatting of the Commission's meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and work plan have been updated to improve document accessibility and readability, and the new format will be used beginning in July;
- The City's Public Works Director recently retired and the City is now seeking feedback from the community through an online public comment form to guide recruitment and selection strategies for a new Public Works Director; and
- Commissions will resume meeting in person after Labor Day (Monday, September 6), the Accessibility and Disability Commission's first in person meeting will occur on Tuesday, September 28.

7. Upcoming meeting agenda items

None

8. Adjournment

It was moved (Sweeney) and seconded (Friberg) to adjourn the special meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

/s/ James Farr

James Farr, Chair
Accessibility & Disability Commission

/s/ Tamer Sabha

Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary
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