

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

May 23, 2011 - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monterey County Administration Building

Monterey Room (2092), Second Floor

168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901

- I. ROLL CALL AND GREETING OF VISITORS** – Chair Almanza called the meeting to order.

Commissioners Present – Alma Almanza, Mario Salazar, Lilia Chagolla, Laura Harris, John Pinio, Carmelita Garcia, Olivia Quezada, Jose Vasquez, Stella Lauerman, James Bogan, Steve McCullough, Eric Heckman and Robert Greene.

Commissioners Not Present – Carolyn Hinds, Steve Matarazzo and George Molano.

Guest and Staff Present – Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonje Dayries, Administrative Secretary-Confidential Elisa Cantu, Deputy County Counsel Rob Schulman, Equal Opportunity Specialist Confidential Michelle Gomez, Parks Planning Manager David Lutes, Parks Historian and Museum Manager Meg Clovis, Central Coast Center for Independent Living Assistive Technology Coordinator Jorge Ruiz.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Lutes introduced himself as the Planning Manager for the Parks Department.

Chair Almanza welcomed new Commissioner Olivia Quezada, representing Central Coast Center for Independent Living.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy County Counsel made a change to the minutes to read as follows: Page 3, Paragraph VI, third line from the bottom should read *also mentioned that the Commission can contact the entities' ADA...* Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2011 as amended; seconded by Commissioner Pinio. The minutes of March 21, 2011 were approved as amended.

IV. CCCIL SERVICES PRESENTATION

Jorge Ruiz Assistive Technology Coordinator gave a presentation on assistive technology. He talked about the difference between low tech and no tech. For example, no tech does not require batteries, electricity or special training. Mr. Ruiz demonstrated several assistive technology devices that provide people with mobility, vision or communication disabilities a higher level of independence. The Chair thanked Mr. Ruiz for his informative presentation.

V. ZIP LINE ECO-TOUR SYSTEM

Commissioner Pinio reported that the Parks Department is in the process of establishing a zip line eco-tour system at Jack's Peak Park. Commissioner Pinio would like to incorporate people with disabilities to use the zip line. Commissioner Pinio stated the only other zip line is in San Diego County so this would be the only zip line in the county. Commissioner Pinio asked for comments and/or suggestions from the Commission. Commissioner Garcia suggested a committee get together to come up with suggestions. Commissioners Garcia, Harris, McCullough, Quezada, Heckman

and Bogan volunteered to be on the zip line ad-hoc committee, along with David Lutes from Parks.

VI. SPECIAL ACCESS TRAIL MARKS RANCH PROPERTY

Parks Historian Meg Clovis stated that the Parks Department has purchased 100 acres from Big Sur Land Trust. An access trail is being planned in Toro Park from the Buckeye area to Grandparents House. Ms. Clovis went over the route of the trail. She said a Nature Center will be build by the Grandparents House. The trail will be ADA accessible.

VII. DISCUSS AND APPROVE BYLAWS

The Chair thanked Commissioners Garcia and Molano for working on the Bylaws. A change was made to page 5, Article VI 1. changing Board to Commission, to read: *Attend a minimum of five (5) Commission meetings.* Commissioner Pinio made a motion to approve the Bylaws as amended and to approve the Resolution as amended; Commissioner Chagolla seconded the motion; motion carried. The Bylaws and Resolution will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

VIII. REPORT ON WEBSITE

Commissioner Harris stated the committee met to discuss some of the changes to the website. She stated that there does not need to be any kind of revamp. The committee also had a telephone conference with Eddie Urena from Information Technology as some of the content had to be updated. He is already working on this. Commissioner Chagolla is working on some changes. She believes there's too much color/shading. Commissioners expressed that black

and white will work for them - keep it simple. Commissioner Chagolla will give an update at the next meeting.

IX. OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Bogan had no report. Commissioner Lauerman was assigned to the committee. The Outreach Committee is currently formed by Commissioners Bogan, Lauerman and McCullough.

X. ESTABLISH GOALS FOR 2011

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to agendaize this item as “priority” for the July meeting. Commissioner Pinio second the motion; motion carried. Commissioner Garcia suggested that all Commissioners brainstorm on goals they would like to set for 2011-12. Staff was directed to email the goals the Commission set at their 2010 Retreat.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Garcia – update on Greenfield Bridge
List for resolutions – Commissioner Harris provided staff with a handwritten list.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The Chair announced that the ADA Coordinator’s list is now posted on the Commission’s website.

Commissioner Bogan reminded the Commission to remember the veterans on May 30th and July 4th.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.