

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

August 29, 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 – Vice Chair

Carmelita Garcia called the meeting to order.

Commissioners Present – Vice Chair Carmelita Garcia, Mario Salazar, Lilia Chagolla, John Pinio, Olivia Quezada, Jose Vasquez, Stella Lauerman, Eric Heckman, Robert Greene, Steve Matarazzo and George Molano.

Commissioners Not Present – Chair Alma Almanza, James Bogan, Steve McCullough and Laura Harris.

Guest and Staff Present – Equal Opportunity Officer Irma Ramirez-Bough, Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonje Dayries, Administrative Secretary-Confidential Elisa Cantu, Equal Opportunity Specialist Confidential Michelle Gomez, Management Specialist David Medrano and Deputy County Counsel Stacy Saetta.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Heckman moved to approve the minutes of May 23, 2011; seconded by Commissioner Chagolla. The minutes of May 23, 2011 were approved.

IV. ESTABLISH GOALS FOR 2011-12

The Commission recommended the following goals for approval:

Goal 1: ADA Transition Plan

- Commissioner Salazar stated survey to be distributed tentatively within 90 days

Discussion was held on this survey and it was suggested that Ms. Ramirez-Bough will present the survey first to Department Heads and then to the Commission for their approval

Goal 2: Reward Businesses

- Staff to provide Commission with Nomination form and criteria for nomination
- Develop a decal seal to reward business that meet ADA requirements (specially businesses located in the unincorporated areas of the County)

Goal 3: Identify and invite Organizations to Collaborate with the Commission on Disabilities

- To give their input on how to remove “barriers” to its clients.

Goal 4: Media Outreach

- Invite Public Information Coordinator Mia Carroll to provide information and/or Commission updates on the CAO weekly report
- Outreach to radio stations, to include bilingual radio stations
- Close captioning for Board of Supervisors meeting

V. UPDATE ON WEBSITE

Commissioner Chagallo stated the committee has not met and therefore there is no update. Ms. Ramirez-Bough stated she is meeting with Eddie Urena from Information Technology and will invite those Commissioners on the Committee. Commissioner Garcia inquired as to the calendar of events that Commissioner Harris is working on. Ms. Ramirez-Bough will check with Information Technology.

VI. OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Bogan was not present.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Approve Goals

Report on Zip line

Calendar update

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Commissioner Pinio announced that it will be a real challenge to proceed with the zip line. Commissioner Quezada stated she has done some research and did not find anything to say it was safe for people with disabilities. Commissioner Pinio will have Parks Manager David Lutes present a report, on his behalf, at the next meeting. Deputy County Counsel Stacy Saetta suggested this item be placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Garcia reported on the Greenfield bridge.

Commissioner Vasquez stated that the project has been completed and that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Commissioner Garcia announced that the City of Pacific Grove will hold a commemorative event on September 11, 2011 from 2-3 p.m. She invited Commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Quezada stated Access is having an open house. She will send flyer to Ms. Cantu, who will forward to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Lauerman stated that October is Disability Awareness month and the Commission should submit a Resolution to the Board. Ms. Dayries stated that our Office has been advised that the Board has requested that we try to minimize the number of Resolutions submitted.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend, meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.