

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

September 26, 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 Alma

Almanza called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioners Not Present – George Molano, John Pinio, 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, and Deputy County Counsel William Litt.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes of August 29, 2011; seconded by Commissioner Chagolla. Equal Opportunity Officer Irma Ramirez made a change to the minutes, *Page 4, last paragraph, third sentence to read: Ms. Dayries stated that our Office has been advised that the Clerk*

of the Board has requested that we try to minimize the number of Resolutions submitted. Commissioner Garcia amended her motion to approve the minutes of August 29, 2011, as amended; seconded by Commissioner Chagolla.

IV. VIDEO ABOUT RICHARD DEVYLDER

The Chair requested this be agendaized for our next meeting. She wants to do more research on this video.

V. ESTABLISH GOALS FOR 2011-12

The Commission approved the following goals for 2011-12:

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.

Commissioner Salazar pointed out that the COD is not responsible for the ADA Transition plan; but will be of assistance in the review of the Plan.

Goal 1: ADA Transition Plan

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

Vice Chair Garcia stated she would like to change Goal 2: To read Recognize Businesses and delete develop a decal seal and replace it with Develop Certificate of Recognition.

Goal 2: Recognize Businesses

- Staff to provide Commission with Nomination form and criteria for nomination

- Develop a Certificate of Recognition 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.

The Chair stated Ms. Carroll has been invited before and she would like to invite her again and have her provide the Commission with contacts. Commissioner Heckman stated there are government agencies that have a lot of media outreach. He will do research on Monterey County government agencies. County Counsel Bill Litt stated the Commission can put something together and have Ms. Carroll assist in getting the word out. Commissioner Lauerman stated she will put something together and report at the meeting in November. She will also put a power point presentation together. Commissioner Heckman suggested having a booth at job fairs, going to organizations and doing presentation. It was suggested the Commissioners can take turns in doing the power point presentations.

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

Vice Chair Garcia suggested adding a goal regarding training. Equal Opportunity Officer Ms. Ramirez-Bough stated she will put together a list of types of training that would be beneficial to the Commission. Commissioners agreed to add goal 5.

Goal 5: Training

- Sensitivity Training to all Commissioners
- AB 1234 Ethics training (which is required for all Commissioners)
- Disabilities training

VI. REVIEW OF SURVEY

Equal Opportunity Officer Ms. Ramirez-Bough requested this be agendaized for the November meeting; as survey has not been presented to department heads.

VII. UPDATE ON WEBSITE

Commissioner Harris was not present; to be agendaized for November.

VIII. UPDATE ON ZIP LINE

Parks Director John Pinio was not present.

IX. OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Bogan has resigned from the Commission. Commissioner Lauerman will report at next meeting.

X. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

As mentioned above.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Vice Chair Carmelita Garcia announced that she will be presenting a Disability Awareness Month Proclamation on October 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Chagolla stated she might be able to be present to receive the proclamation; if not Ms. Ramirez-Bough stated she would attend.

Vice Chair Garcia invited Commissioners to attend her AMP Program on October 24, 2011. If you wish to be a guest, please let her know.

Commissioner Quezada stated CSUMB will be holding an “open house.” She will provide staff with COD brochures. Commissioner Quezada also stated that CCCIL could distribute the brochures at the “Bi-national Week” events.

Mr. Vasquez stated there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the bridges in Greenfield. Commissioner Garcia will provide more information.

Per Chair’s request, Equal Opportunity Officer Ms. Ramirez-Bough prepared and submitted a Disability Awareness Month Resolution to the Board. She announced that it will be presented on October 4, 2011 around 10:30 a.m. She invited Commissioners to attend the Board meeting.

Commissioner Salazar announced some construction modifications that have been accomplished at DSES, access to both the interior and exterior building has been modified. He

said they received a complaint that the door at the Marina Library's bathroom was too difficult to open. The door will either be adjusted or replaced with a new one.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend, meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.