

Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



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MONDAY, March 27, 2006 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

MINUTES FOR THE
MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
MONTEREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MONTEREY ROOM, RM. 2092, SECOND FLOOR
168 W. ALISAL ST. – SALINAS, CA 93901

I. ROLL CALL AND GREETING OF VISITORS

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Medrano introduced Sonjé Dayries, who was recently hired as the Equal Opportunity Analyst in the Equal Opportunity Office.

Commissioners Present – Amy Allard, Alma Almanza, MaryLea Almeida, James Bogan, James Cromarty, Robert Davis, Anna Foglia, John Pinio, and Charlene Wiseman.

Commissioners Absent – Carolyn Hinds, Audra Krebs, James M. Krossa, Manuel Ramos, and Sam Trevino.

Guests and Staff Present – Interim Director of Planning & Building Inspection Alana Knaster; OET Programs Supervisor Maria Castillo; Assistant County Counsel Lee Blankenship; Equal Opportunity Officer David Medrano; Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries; and Administrative Secretary Elisa Cantu.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 30, 2006 were approved. Commissioner Almanza abstained.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Alana Knaster – Interim Director of Planning, Building & Inspection

Alana Knaster, Interim Director of the Planning & Building Inspection, gave a presentation on Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 24). Ms. Knaster stated that Title 24 is California's accessibility requirement. The Planning, Building and Inspection Department enforces the accessibility requirement. Ms. Knaster stated that Title 24 is not retroactive so buildings approved prior to the code are exempt. However, if a builder wants to make a significant change to an existing building or make modifications over a certain

dollar amount Title 24 would apply.

Ms. Knaster stated that Title 24 is required for new structures. With regard to apartment/rental units, she stated that 10% of the units need to be accessible and all units on the entry level need to be served by an accessible path. She stated that Title 24 also applies to buildings with public access. Ms. Knaster stated that Title 24 is not required for single family residences, condominiums, and townhomes that are owner occupied. However, if an owner wants to make their residence accessible, planning is able to assist owners by providing them with technical assistance.

B. Maria Castillo – OET Program Supervisor

Maria Castillo, OET Program Supervisor and Disability Program Navigator, gave a presentation on the Disability Navigator Services available at the One Stop Career Center of Monterey County. Ms. Castillo stated that, as Disability Program Navigator, she provides direction for people with disabilities to access services leading to employment. Ms. Castillo stated that she also provides training to One-Stop staff in helping people with disabilities to gain employment and that she is working with employers to facilitate job placements for persons with disabilities. She also stated that the goal is to serve 60% of the disabled population.

C. Official Commission Name

The commissioners decided to maintain the current official name Monterey County Commission on Disabilities.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Outreach Committee Report - Commissioner Bogan stated that he had nothing to report regarding criteria to use to recognize cities that are ADA compliant. Commissioner Bogan stated that he would like to come up with a way to get information to cities and companies regarding ADA compliance.

During Commissioner Bogan's report, there was a brief discussion regarding cities and jurisdictions that were not being represented. Mr. Medrano stated he would send a letter to the jurisdictions designated to have seats on the commission.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVENTS

Commissioner Foglia announced that Dine Out for HOPE will be held on Tuesday April 4, 2006.

Commissioner Bogan announced that Monterey Bay Veterans Inc. is having a fishing event. This organization's mission is to provide Disabled Veterans and the physically challenged with mental and physical rehabilitation therapy and improve access to all outdoor recreational venues, with special emphasis on marine sports.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA

A. Chair Pinio appointed Vice-Chair Foglia, Commissioner Almeida, and Commissioner Almanza to a sub-committee to come up with recommendations to address the lack of a quorum and report back to the commission at the next meeting.

B. Chair Pinio stated that the commissioners should come to the next meeting with ideas to discuss how to

acknowledge cities, businesses and organizations for their disability practices.

C. Assistant County Counsel Lee Blankenship was asked to make a presentation on the Brown Act's provisions on teleconferencing.

D. Discuss dates for a barbecue at Royal Oaks Park.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Pinio declared the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.