

Disability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

The Webex virtual meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board (DAB) was called to order at 2:35 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2020. Chairperson Sandra Algarin opened the meeting and conducted roll call and the pledge of allegiance. Board members present were Chairperson Sandra Algarin, Vice Chairperson Supervisor Daisy Morales, Karolyn Campbell and Joe Waczewski. Board members not present were Tricia Dennis and Jen Vargas. Orange County Citizen Resource and Outreach Division staff present were Dianne Arnold, Manager; Nicola Norton, ADA Program Manager and Judi Kerr, Project Coordinator. Present to provide a presentation were Alissa Torres, Orange County Public Works Chief Planner and County Attorney Stephane Stone. Also present were Beatriz Lopez Marchard and Victor Felix, members of the public invited by DAB member Morales. A quorum was not established.

General Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

Introductions of Attendees and Community Partners Reports

There were no Community partners present at this meeting.

Presentation

A presentation was given on the Orange County Micromobility Device Ordinance by Orange County Public Works Chief Planner Alissa Torres and County Attorney Stephane Stone. Torres informed the group on the development of the county's "scooter" ordinance, safety considerations, addressing ADA accessibility on sidewalks when devices are left by users, fair access to micromobility throughout the county and provider accountability. This presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

- A. Due to no quorum the board was unable to vote on the March 9, 2020 Disability Advisory Board meeting minutes. These draft minutes are on hold for review at the next scheduled board meeting.

Board Member Reports

Morales introduced her guests Beatriz Lopez Marchard and Victor Felix and invited them to speak. (***Please note these speakers should have spoken during the time set aside for public comment-see above*) Marchard spoke about her challenges with access to the continued Individualized Education Program (IEP) provided by Orange County Public Schools (OCPS). A discussion ensued on access to IEPs in Orange County. CRO Division Manager Arnold advised Marchard to contact OCPS administration to address her concerns regarding access to IEPs. Felix informed the board about an on the job training program and a virtual job fair that he is bringing to the community. Algarin asked Felix to email the ADA Program Manager Norton with details on his events.

New Business

- A. ADA Program Manager Report/County News** – Manager Arnold introduced the new ADA Program Manager Nicola Norton. Norton introduced herself and shared information about her background and 27 years of experience with local HIV community based non-profit organizations and assisting individuals with disabilities. She further added she looks forward to working with the board on important projects, presentations and community outreach, as well as learning from the members. Each board member welcomed Norton to the team. At this time Arnold turned the meeting over to Norton.
- B. County News and Events, including 30 Years of ADA – Videos and Proclamation**
ADA Program Manager Norton asked Project Coordinator Kerr to share the two ADA videos produced in partnership with Orange TV to celebrate 30 years of ADA and are now airing on Orange TV. Kerr stated two “Did You Know” 5 minute segments that were finalized in July 2020 and emailed to board members for viewing were the ones about the Orange County DAB and Orange County Veterans Services. Kerr said completion of the third planned segment on IEPs is on hold until OCPS is back in session and it is safe to continue the project. Due to technical difficulties, the group could was not able to see the videos shared through Webex. Algarin asked board members to view on their own and suggested another attempt to view the videos at the next scheduled board meeting.

A discussion ensued on plans for future presentations including IEPs, Veterans Services update, and Internet Access for the Disabled. The group also discussed the possibility of planning a disability summit.

Meeting Adjournment

Algarin motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Waczewski. This meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m. The next virtual Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Board members will receive an invitation to the virtual meeting by email prior to that date. Members of the public can request an invitation to the meeting by emailing Nicola.Norton@ocfl.net.