

# OREGON DISABILITIES COMMISSION

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Thursday • March 6, 2008 • 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Conference Room 160 • DHS Building • 500 Summer Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Frank Armstrong  
Janet Campbell  
Judith Cunio  
Cindy Helvington

Bill Lynch  
Ruth McEwen  
Martha Simpson  
Frank Synoground

Bill Wellard

## **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Marcie Ingledue  
Kedma Ough  
Tina Treasure

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Dawn Rustrum, Advocacy Coordinator  
Becky Murphy, Administrative Staff

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **Call to Order**

- Introductions
- Review and Approval of Agenda and Meeting Packet

**Capitol Restoration Project** – Dave Henderson, Legislative Administrator

### **Call to Order (Continued)**

- Review and Approval of Minutes
- Updates/Announcements

**SB 716 – Law Redefining Use of Parking for People with Disabilities**

**ODC Liaison Representation and Process**

**Facility Complaints Website** – Judy Giggy, Ivan Pointer, Aymie Olsen

**ODC Officer Election Process**

**Bylaws**

**Public Comment**

**Other Business**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

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Bill Lynch called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

### **Introductions**

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

### **Review of Meeting Packet**

Members reviewed the contents of the meeting packet.

### **Review and Approval of Agenda**

Members reviewed the agenda. The process for liaison reports was added to the agenda.

By consensus and without objection, the agenda was approved as revised.

**Vote:** 9-0-0-3

**Yeas:** Armstrong, Campbell, Cunio, Helvington, Lynch, McEwen, Simpson, Synoground, Wellard

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Ingledue, Ough, Treasure

**Motion carried.**

## **CAPITOL RESTORATION PROJECT**

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Dave Henderson, Legislative Administrator, introduced himself and submitted handouts on the capitol restoration project. Mr. Henderson provided a brief history of the capitol's construction in 1938, the faulty work done in the addition of the two wings in 1977, and the legislature's approval of funding for the \$34 million capitol restoration project. Mr. Henderson touched on the planned improvements that will make the capitol more accessible. He highlighted the following:

- All current improvements will meet ADA standards
- Unisex ADA accessible restrooms (one with a lift in each wing) and

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accessible stall in each of the main restrooms. Touch-less fixtures in all restrooms.

- Wider hallways (added 6 inches)
- Evacuation chairs at top of each stairwell
- Elevators equipped with accessible controls and elevator phones incorporate visual aids
- Audible and visual fire alarms are located to maximize effective communication in an emergency
- Staff spaces designed for access to members' offices
- All new staff desks are height adjustable
- Signage meets graphic standards, is posted in Braille and located for maximum visibility and accessibility

Mr. Henderson mentioned that the Oregon Legislature is conducting a one year project to develop a master plan for the Capitol. He explained that development of the Oregon State Capitol Master Plan will include an evaluation of the existing Capitol facilities as well as the identification of current and future needs for the Capitol over a twenty to thirty year time frame. The master plan will be presented to the legislature during the 2009 legislative session.

Mr. Henderson shared that they are forming a stakeholder group to consult with during the master planning process and asked that an ODC representative participate in that group. He expects stakeholder meetings to be held monthly beginning in April and continuing through the end of the year.

Bill Lynch reiterated the priority restoration issue of ODC as stated in the letter of invitation to Mr. Henderson: Front door accessibility. Other suggestions from the commissioners included:

- Tactical site maps
- Raised lettering for signage in addition to Braille
- Verbal announcements on elevators
- Color coding on elevators to represent the different floors of a building

Ruth McEwen expressed interest in representing ODC on the stakeholder group. Bill Lynch also expressed interest in attending stakeholder group meetings, but not

necessarily as the official ODC representative. Bill suggested that staff send an email to the commissioners asking for a representative.

**Action Item:** Staff will email Mr. Henderson’s contact information to the commissioners. Staff will email commissioners asking for a representative for the stakeholder group. Staff will email Mr. Henderson the contact information for ODC’s representative. Capitol Restoration Project updates will be given at future ODC meetings.

Bill Wellard mentioned the Oregon State Hospital Project and suggested inviting a representative to share building plans in terms of design and how they plan to address accessibility issues as well as timelines for the project.

**Action Item:** Staff will invite a representative to discuss the Oregon State Hospital Project plans.

## **CALL TO ORDER (CONTINUED)**

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### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Members reviewed the minutes from the 1-03-08 meeting. Jan Campbell inquired about the bulleted language describing SB 716. Staff clarified that the information was included in the minutes to provide background information about SB 716 and that the information was taken from the staff measure summary prepared by committee staff at the legislature. Jan suggested adding “in addition to disabled spaces” to the end of the second bullet so that it reads, “requires the designation of wheelchair only spaces in parking lots in addition to disabled spaces.”

**Motion:** Ruth McEwen moved that the minutes be approved with the addition suggested by Jan Campbell. Frank Armstrong seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 9-0-1-3

**Yeas:** Armstrong, Campbell, Cunio, Helvington, Lynch, McEwen, Simpson, Wellard

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** Synoground

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**Excused:** Ingledue, Ough, Treasure

**Motion carried.**

### **Updates/Announcements**

Bill Lynch shared that every year the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) sponsors an awareness campaign and that this year the focus is on the health and safety of people with developmental disabilities - freedom from abuse and neglect. He mentioned the display in the lobby of the Barbara Roberts Department of Human Services Building and shared the “Look, Listen, Report” poster with the commissioners. He explained that the plan is to distribute the poster to all state offices, adult foster homes, group homes, and the community. He also shared that the council presented Rep. Tomei, Rep. Buckley, and Arlene Jones, a community advocate, with a developmental disability champion awards for their work and contributions to the developmental disability community.

### **SB 716 – REDEFINES USE OF PARKING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Dawn reported that she contacted the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) who referred her to David House with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). David House is the contact person for questions regarding SB 716 as it relates to placards only so he was not able to provide information regarding how local municipalities are implementing SB 716. Dawn also shared that she contacted Bob Joondeph with the Oregon Advocacy Center (OAC) who recommended contacting local municipalities for more information as to how SB 716 is being implemented and enforced. Mr. Joondeph provided Dawn with a letter the OAC submitted to the Portland City Commission, expressing the OAC’s view of SB 716.

Jan Campbell reported that she is on the City of Portland Task Force for SB 716. She shared some of the concerns that she has heard regarding SB 716 and how it pits people with disabilities against one another. Others expressed their concerns with SB 716 as well. Dawn Rustrum shared that staff have received calls from citizens wanting to know where SB 716 is being implemented and how it will impact them. Jan suggested getting an Attorney General (AG) opinion as to whether or not SB 716 is legal and recommended providing the AG with the OAC letter as well.

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**Motion:** Jan Campbell moved that a letter be drafted and sent to the AG asking for an opinion regarding whether or not SB 716 is legal and that the letter from the OAC be included as well. Judy Cunio seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 9-0-0-3

**Yeas:** Armstrong, Campbell, Cunio, Helvington, Lynch, McEwen, Simpson, Synoground, Wellard

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Ingledue, Ough, Treasure

**Motion carried.**

**Action Item:** Bill asked that Jan draft the letter and forward it to him and Dawn for editing and to be put on letterhead and sent out. Bill also asked that Jan inform the OAC that ODC is sharing their letter with the AG.

## **FACILITY COMPLAINTS WEBSITE**

Judy Giggy, Ivan Pointer, and Aymie Olsen from the Office of Licensing and Quality of Care introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of the facility complaints website that is being developed by the Seniors and People with Disabilities division of the Department of Human Services. Judy explained that the website will be available in April for the public to view licensed facility performance history on the aging and physically disabled side and that developmental disability information will be added in phase two of the project.

The website provides the following information:

- Facility name and location
- Incident date and date of complaint
- Allegation and outcome of allegation
- Investigation completion date



Commissioners may self-nominate or put forward the name of a fellow commissioner you would like to nominate for a specific position. However, you must first contact that individual to make sure he/she is comfortable with you nominating them for a position. Commissioners interested in office should email staff a brief statement of interest to be included in the meeting packet and shared with the full commission before the election. In addition to a written statement, commissioners will also be given an opportunity to address the full commission before voting occurs at the May 1st meeting. Commissioners will vote by written ballot during the commission meeting on May 1st. Although the vote will be silent, the minutes will reflect how each commissioner has voted as required by public meeting law.

**Action Items:** Dawn will send an email about the upcoming election explaining the process and asking for nominations.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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None

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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Dawn Rustrum provided an update on the brochure, website, and logo. All three are being drafted and should be available for review and comment at the May ODC meeting.

Dawn reported that the commission has received an interest form from the Governor's Office. Bill suggested forming a membership committee consisting of three representatives and asked that the committee's first task be to develop a process for reviewing and interviewing candidates. Bill suggested Kedma Ough and Tina Treasure for the committee and asked staff to follow up with them to make sure they are comfortable with serving on the committee.

**Action Items:**

- Dawn will send an email regarding finding a 3<sup>rd</sup> representative for an ODC Membership Committee and will follow up with Kedma and Tina.
- Dawn will send an email requesting volunteers for the Home Care Commission, the Medicaid Long Term Care Quality and Reimbursement Advisory Council, and the Building Codes Structures Board.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:05 p.m.