

CITY OF OAKLAND

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) Monday, December 10, 2012

MINUTES

- I. Called to order at 11:45 a.m.
 - (This meeting was convened in at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland)
- II. Roll Call:
 - Quorum: Yes
 - See Exhibit A-1.
- III. Public Comments
 - None
- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
 - Commissioner Rosenblatt: The U.S. Senate failed to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Senate voted 61 in favor; 38 opposed; it needed 66 votes or 2/3 of those in attendance for ratification.
 - With a new Senate to be seated in 2013, it is proposed that a vote on ratification be taken again.
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - November 19, 2012
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Rosenblatt/Commissioner Hernandez
 - November 19, 2012 minutes approved without objection
- VI. Agenda Modification and Approval
 - December 10, 2012

- Approve a specially created agenda addendum that will be incorporated into the final agenda. This addendum will fall under Item IX (see below). The chairperson read the addendum into the record for Commissioner Blanks.
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Hurd/Commissioner Burns
- Motion passed unopposed.

VII. Staff Reports

- A. ADA Programs Division Update; Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Manager reported:
 - Acknowledged that MCPD secretary, Adriana Mitchell will celebrate her birthday on December 28, 2012
 - Acknowledged Commissioner Lorraine Rosenblatt as the public face of the MCPD and mentioned just a few of the events wherein Commissioner Rosenblatt performed outreach activities on behalf of the MCPD.
 - Working on ADA Programs Division policy and capital budget submissions for FY 2013-15
 - Will proposed increasing ADA Program Analyst II position from .75 PPT to 1.00 FTE
 - Will proposed moving ASL (Deaf language access) programs to the Equal Access Office
 - Asked for a motion authorizing Fiscal Year 2011-13 On-Call ADA Capital Improvement Program and prior year ADA Transition Plan Project expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$594,000.00 to rehabilitate the existing access features of the Woodminister Amphitheater per the tentative settlement in White v. Oakland and to replace the existing aquatic wheelchair lifts and make associated path of travel improvements at Temescal and Lions Pools. These ADA funds are currently located in the following accounts:
 - 1.5200.94020.78811.C274210.0000: \$ 90,000.00
 - 1.1010.94020.78811.444910.0000: \$252,000.00
 - 1.1010.94020.54919.000000.YS10: \$252,000.00
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Jacobson/Commission Hurd
 - Motion passed without objection

VIII. Old Business

A. Youth In Action Final Budget Approval; Commissioner Lorraine Rosenblatt reported on the final budget and requested a motion to

approve it. (Please refer to page 14 in the December 10, 2012 packet).

- Motion/Second: Commissioner Burns/Commissioner Rosenblatt
- Motion passed without objection.

IX. End of Year Retreat:

MCPD Annual Planning Retreat - The Sky's the Limit

- 1. Chairperson Beard welcomed Commissioners and members of the public.
 - Announced the resignation of Commissioner Escalera because of health reasons.
 - Introduced Karen Toto, who will be facilitator for the December retreat.
- 2. Ms. Toto conducted an ice breaker
- 3. Video clip Disability Culture Rap aired.
- 4. What is Our Role? Richard Cowan, Community Services Manager, Office of the Mayor reported:
 - Appointed members are as much a part of government as any other City official.
 - Commissioners represent their community and bring issues set more to the disability community; inform to the Mayor, (council, and City administrator) advocate/needs communicator.
 - Mayor's expectation: Out the issues of particular importance to the Mayor, such as Smart-Growth/especially public transportation.
 - Commissions can be a model of civility; show how government works at its best (most effective)
 - Commissions can engage the Mayor and her senor staff as much as possible.
 - Public Safety is number one priority; including as it impacts older adults.
 - Communication; good communication between government and the community.
 - Discussed the impacts of Jerry Browns move to end local redevelopment agency.

 Mr. Cowan believes that annual reporting by commissions/boards should be re-instituted in some format.

5. Carousel Brainstorming

A. List of Eleven Categories Discussed

- 1. Building Capacity for the Commission
- 2. Increase Impact On City Council Members And Other City Officials
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- 4. Outreach To Community
- 5. Reducing Violence/Stigma Regarding Disability
- 6. Transportation
- 7. Employment
- 8. Police Relations to Disability Community
- 9. Mental Health Services
- 10. Accessibility
- 11. Senior Safety in Nursing Homes

B. Detail of Top Five Vote-Getters

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR THE COMMISSION (11 votes)

- Striving for full membership through increased recruitment efforts:
 - Via technology
 - Facebook presence
 - Twitter account
 - Participate on local disability list serves
 - Seat official representatives of other organizations
 - Seek out those who can forward goals
 - NGOs serving persons with disabilities
 - Oakland-based corporations (ie: Clorox, Kaiser, etc.)
 - Faith-based groups
- Building stronger leadership within the Commission:
 - o Increase presence with City Council
 - o Reduce reliance on ADA staff

INCREASE IMPACT ON CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS (5 votes)

• Consistently/assertively review Council agenda/activities

- Regularly attend, or at least watch on KTOP or oaklandnet. com, weekly City Council meetings and vary the Commissioners who attend
- Strategically pair Commissioners with individual Council members for regular meetings
- Resurrect/nurture past relationships with past allies on Council
- Invite Council members and their staff to attend MCPD meetings
- Issue/Present Annual MCPD Report to Council
- Participate in other reports to Council
- Educate Council staff on MCPD roles and activities

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY (9 votes)

- Form speakers bureau of Commissioners to be available to do guest speaking engagements and continue Speakers Series
- Get PIOs to tap Commissioners for media interviews
- Increase participation in cultural events and other community activities ('Get seen by being seen')
- Targeted outreach to Oakland communities
- Increase social networking via online communities (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Local job developers for employment opportunities
- Establish and maintain a MCPD calendar (ie: meetings, activities, etc.)

REDUCING VIOLENCE/STIGMA REGARDING DISABILITY (4 votes)

- Provide education and trainings for the general public
 - Crime Prevention
 - Anti-bullying
 - Disability Awareness/Sensitivity
- Provide education and trainings for Persons with Disabilities
 - Victims of crime
 - Take Back the Night involvement

TRANSPORTATION (9 votes)

- Targeted Education and Training:
 - o Transit drivers (regarding PWDs)
 - o OPD (regarding PWDs waiting for transit)
 - Persons with Disabilities (regarding safety)
 - o General Public (regarding PWDs)
- Physical Access Improvements

- Install panic buttons at transit stops
- o Improve lighting at transit stops
- o Ensure accessible transit websites
- Involvement and Participation
 - Include people with disabilities early in all transportation discussions
 - Participate in access compliance committees for BART, PAPCO, AC Transit, etc.
 - Continue presence on BRT project
- Collect Data
 - Research what is working in other cities (Guardian Angels?)
 - Conduct opinion surveys of transit users

Staff Note: Per the Chair, the Commission will continue to act as the City's designated ADA oversight body and take the following reports under the joint Access Compliance Advisory Committee (ACAC) with the Commission on Aging:

- o ADA Buildings and Facilities Transition Plan
- o ADA Curb Ramp Transition Plan
- o CFILC Settlement (Emergency Preparedness)
- o Disabled Parking Zone Programs
- o OES Annual Report
- o OPD Annual Report
- o OPED Semi-annual Report
- o OPR Annual Report
- o Sidewalk Repair Programs
- o White (Woodminster) Settlement
- Breakout session ended. commissioners returned to roundtable discussion
- Commissioners discussed and prioritize the issues.
- Chairperson Beard discussed that a working plan will be developed for 2013 based upon the prioritized issues.
 - o Asked for volunteers to spell out 2013 work plan.
 - Commissioner Burns and Commissioner Blanks initially accepted and will work with Chairperson Beard on a work plan for 2013.
- Chairperson Beard expressed appreciation and thanks to Ms. Karen Toto for facilitating the retreat.

- X. Meeting Evaluation
 - Commissioners expressed their appreciation for being in a different location for the retreat. Many felt the location change helped with creativity
- XI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013
 - Elections for Chairperson, Vice-chair
- XII. Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

NOTE: THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Public Comments: To offer public comments at the MCPD meeting, please register with Adriana Mitchell, ADA Programs Assistant, before the start of the meeting. Public Comments is one of the first agenda items therefore, please, arrive by 12:45 p.m. Please note that the MCPD will not provide a detailed response to your comments but may schedule your issue for a future MCPD or committee meeting. The Public Comment period is limited to 15 minutes and each individual speaker is limited to 5 minutes. If more than 3 public speakers register, however, then each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If more than 5 public speakers register, then each speaker will be limited to 2 minutes. Exceptions to these rules may be granted at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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