



CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, January 14, 2013

MINUTES

- I. Called to order at 1:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call:
 - Quorum: Yes
 - See Exhibit A1
- III. Public Comments
 - None
- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
 - Commissioner Hernandez announced that she was awarded a scholarship to attend the 2013 Advocacy Summit in Washington D.C., on March 4 – 6, 2013. It is sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation. She will talk to the US Congress about the disease Arthritis, in honor of her mother, Petra A. Worley.
 - Commissioner Rosenblatt announced that the Disabled Students Program at the University of California, Berkeley, UC Berkeley in cooperation with the Berkeley Center for Independent Living, CIL, will sponsor a college campus visit for high school students with disabilities on January 22, 2013. (Please see Exhibit B)
 - Ms. Mitchell, MCPD Secretary, read an announcement from the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council regarding its annual Transition Information Faire which will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at the College of Alameda. (Please see Exhibit C)
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to approve December 2012 minutes:
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Blanks/Commissioner Wright
 - Minutes approved

VI. Agenda Modification and Approval

- January 14, 2013
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Jacobson/Commissioner Hernandez
- Agenda approved with no modifications

VII. Chair Report Stephen Beard reported:

- Membership/Recruitment. This is an ongoing effort to bring the active commission roster to its full compliment of 15. Chairperson Beard requested commissioners' assistance with recruitment; he will make himself available to talk with potential candidates. He further stated that the basic requirement for a commissioner is that they live and/or work in Oakland (and that they are a person with a disability and/or advocate for disability population in Oakland).
- Commission on Aging Meeting Report Back. Chairperson Beard attended the January 2, 2013 meeting of the Commission on Aging, CoA. The CoA discussed its possible merger with the MCPD. It also discussed its participation in the joint ACAC.
- Report on A/C Transit Access Advisory Committee, AAC Meeting. Chairperson Beard attended the Dec 11, 2012 meeting of the AC Transit Access Advisory Committee, whereat he gave a short talk on the Bus Rapid Transit, BRT project. He informed the AAC on the role of the ACAC in the BRT project
 - Commissioner Blanks, who is the vice-chair of the AAC, updated the MCPD on AC Transit's BRT presentation
 - Ms. Calabrese briefed the MCPD on its monitoring role in the BRT project mandated by the Oakland Conditions of Approval passed by the City Council on July 17, 2012. She further emphasized the importance of the collaboration between the ACAC and AAC to hold AC Transit to its commitment to provide the BRT project that meets the needs of Oakland disability populations and incorporates best practices in Universal Design

VIII. Vice-Chair Report:

- BART Elevator Maintenance Issue: Commissioner Jacobson referred the MCPD to BART's response letter. (Page 15 of the

January 14, 2013 packet.) She asked for the commission's guidance on drafting a response to BART's letter.

- A letter will be sent to BART requesting that it send a representative to a MCPD meeting and report out on this issue.

IX. Committee Reports

- Access Compliance Advisory Committee (ACAC)
- Chairperson Beard emphasized the importance of the ACAC as a tool for increasing accessibility for persons with disabilities.

X. Old Business

A. Retreat Follow-Up; Stephen Beard expressed his satisfaction with the outcome of the December 10, 2012 retreat. He was extremely pleased by with the facilitator, Ms. Karen Toto and the outcomes/goals for the MCPD for 2013. (Please refer to page 19 in the January 14, 2013 packet).

- Motion: The Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities will re-focus its efforts in 2013 to implement the ideas and priorities generated at the December 2012 Retreat.

Specifically:

1. For 2013, the Commission's efforts will be focused on three key areas of endeavor

a. Capacity Building:

- i. Building the Membership of the Commission up to capacity
- ii. Improving Communication with Council, City Staff and Agencies, and outside groups

b. Outreach

- i. Continuing our Speaker Series
- ii. Developing online presence for internal and external purposes
- iii. Continuing our education of the community through involvement in community events

c. Transportation & Mobility

- i. Monitor BRT development
- ii. City ADA compliance programs oversight
- iii. BART elevator maintenance

- Motion/Second: Commissioner Beard/Commissioner Jacobson
- Motion approved with no objections

- Commission Structure and Committee Assignments, Commissioner Beard reported on the new committee assignments. He described the new ad-hoc committee, Strategic Planning and Oversight Committee, SPOC which will be chaired by Commissioner Jacobson.
- To this end, the Commission will have three committees:
 - ACAC – The Access Compliance Advisory Committee (Existing)
 - EOC – The Ad Hoc Education and Outreach Committee (Existing)
 - SPOC – The Ad Hoc Strategic Planning and Oversight Committee (New)

- Nothing in this motion shall prevent or defer the Commission from dealing with new issue outside of this focus of attention that may arise during the year

- Ms. Calabrese briefed the commission on certain aspects of the Brown Act and Sunshine ordinance and their impacts on the workings of the committees.

XI. Special Order of Business, Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2013: Moderated by Christine Calabrese

A. Election of Chairperson

1. Call for nominations

- First call for nominations: Commissioner Blanks nominated Commissioner Beard for Chair. Commissioner Beard accepted.
- Second call for nominations (None)
- Third call for nominations (None)

2. Brief comments by nominees

- Commissioner Beard thanked Commissioner Blanks for the nomination and expressed his appreciation for being chosen to lead the commission.

3. Voice vote:
 - Commissioner Beard received unanimous vote for his election as the 2013 MCPD Chairperson.

B. Election of Vice-Chair

1. Call for nominations:
 - First call for nominations: Commissioner McLeod nominated Commissioner Jacobson. Commissioner Jacobson accepted.
 - Second call for nominations. (None)
 - Third call for nominations. (None)
2. Brief comments by nominees
 - Commissioner Jacobson thanked Commissioner McLeod for his nomination and expressed her appreciation for a second opportunity to serve.
3. Voice vote.
 - Commissioner Jacobson received a unanimous vote for the 2013 MCPD Vice-chairperson.

XII. A. ADA Programs Division Report, Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Manager reported out to the commission on the draft ADA Programs division budget she submitted for Fiscal Years 20213-15:

- ADA Programs FY 2011-13 Accomplishments
 1. East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project program management; promoted AC Transit conformance with Oakland Conditions of Approval (COA).
 2. Coordinated citywide public right of way improvement programs (curb ramps, sidewalk repair, disabled parking zones); increased pedestrian access along major city transportation corridors.
 3. Completed ADA capital improvement projects at branch libraries, recreation centers, tot lots, and the Morcom Rose Garden.
 4. Lead negotiator and expert for White v. Oakland (Woodminster Amphitheater) ADA lawsuit; implemented programmatic remedies.
 5. Issued monitoring reports for the CFILC v. Oakland settlement agreement, thereby saving the cost of an outside monitor.
 6. Implemented the City's Mass Care and Shelter Annex Functional Needs (ADA) subpart in conjunction with the CFILC settlement.

7. Provided information and referral and reasonable accommodation programs for older adult and disability populations.

- ADA Programs FY 2013-15 Goals
 1. Bolster Oakland's reputation as a national model for local government ADA compliance programming.
 2. Provide accessible streets, sidewalks, parks and recreational facilities for older adult and disability populations.
 3. Develop effective access compliance programs, activities and services that allow older adults and people with disabilities to thrive in their communities.
- ADA Programs FY 2013-15 Priorities
 1. East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project; implement Oakland COA
 2. Public Right of Way Access Compliance Programs (curb ramps, sidewalk repair, disabled parking zones)
 3. Settle White v. Oakland (Woodminster Amphitheater)
 4. New State and Federal mandates; update A.I. 123 and implement SB 1186
 5. Joint Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities and Commission on Aging Access Compliance Advisory Committee staffing

- B. 2013 Meeting Calendar. Ms. Mitchell reported to the MCPD that in 2013 there are three months wherein the second Monday is not available because of City closures; either a holiday or a Mandatory Business Closure, MBS day.
- After discussion of the logistics associated with the scheduling of the MCPD meetings, it was decided that for February 2013, both the full MCPD and the ACAC meetings will be held on the same day, February 20, 2013.
 - For the months of September and November, the meetings will be announced.

XIII. Meeting Evaluation

- It was commented that the mission of the MCPD should not be lost during the ongoing merger talks between it and the Commission on Aging, CoA.

XIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Commissioner Rosenblatt expressed a desire for more reports and information on mental illness and its ramifications.

XV. Adjourned at 3:00 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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