



CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
November 10, 2014

MINUTES

- I. Called to order at 12:20 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - Quorum: Yes
 - See Exhibit A1
- III. Public Comments
 - Ms. Eva Aguillard, Former Commissioner, described the lack of accessibility at the Coliseum BART station. She further described the accessibility impediments that deteriorated sidewalks present in various East Oakland areas. Thanked the MCPD and especially Commissioner Jacobson for her diligence on the accessibility/maintenance issues at BART.
 - Commissioner Beard, on behalf of the entire MCPD, expressed appreciation for Ms. Aguillard's vigilance on accessibility issues though out the City of Oakland; especially in East Oakland. Commissioner Beard stated that the MCPD will provide its support to Ms. Aguillard's efforts on the completion of sidewalk repairs. Commissioner Beard suggested that Ms. Aguillard attend the BART Task-Force that will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.
 - AXIS Dance Company, Judith Small, Executive Director, briefed the MCPD on the AXIS Dance Company 27 year history. AXIS has been at its present location, the Malonga Arts Center (formerly Alice Arts Center) for 12 years. AXIS is a physically-integrated dance company with persons of different physical capabilities. Mr. Karl Cronin, Managing Director for AXIS, described the various concerts at which the AXIS Dance Company will perform. It has been invited to perform at the ADA 25th anniversary in 2015. For additional information on AXIS Dance Company, visit www.axisdance.org. (See Exhibit B).

IV. Commissioner's Announcements

- Commissioner Hurd announced the Abilities Expo will be held on November 21, 22, and 23 at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center, 150 West San Carlos Street, San Jose.
 - Commissioner Hurd has been selected as a fellow of the Women's Foundation. She will concentrate on criminal justice issues and assist in development of legislation.
 - Commissioner Beard announced that he will attend the Abilities Expo and urged all to attend the Abilities Expo. (See Exhibit C).
- Commissioner Jacobson commented on the venue at the Comedy Night.
- Commissioner Wright announced that there is a new executive director for the Center of Independent Living, CIL, Mr. Stewart James.
 - Commissioners discussed having Mr. James as a future speaker.

V. Approval of Minutes

- September 8, 2014
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Jacobson/Commissioner Burns
- Minutes approved.

VI. Agenda Modification and Approval

- November 10, 2014
- Motion/Seconded: Commissioner Beard/Commissioner Burns
- Agenda as modified was approved.

VII. Chairperson's Report; Stephen Beard

- Announced that Commissioner Hernandez has had health issues, she is recovering at home and can be reached via Facebook.
- Announced that the annual MCPD December 2014 Retreat will be held at City Hall in Hearing Room 3. Ms. Yomi Wrong, formerly of CIL will facilitate.
- Discussed the Mayor's forum that was held in early October. Has a DVD of the forum; however, needs technical assistance to post it to the public MCPD webpage. Scott Means volunteered to assist with this matter.

- Announced that Wednesday, November 12, 2014, the City Council’s Public Works Committee will conduct a hearing on the Bus Rapid Transit, BRT project. This meeting will be held at City Hall in Hearing Room 1.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Education & Outreach Ad-hoc Committee, EOC; Chairperson Lorraine Rosenblatt reported that she attended two trainings on Emergency Preparedness, concentrating on Accessibility and Functional Needs. Noted that there is now a wide cross section of both public and private employees/people that are displaying interest in this area. However, there is a need for improved curriculum.

IX. Staff Reports

- A. Oakland Fire Department, EMSD Fiscal Year Annual Report (July 1, 2013– June 30, 2014). Ms. Genevieve Pastor-Cohen, Senior Emergency Planning Coordinator presented the report to the commission.
- Access and Functional Needs Committee. Goal is to engage the disability community in mass emergency training efforts before a disaster occurs to ensure that the community is thoroughly informed.
 - She described the role of ‘211’ and the services it provide in the county. (Please review the report on page 13 in the November 10, 2013 packet.)
 - Motion to accept the report.
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Rosenblatt/Commissioner Burns.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- B. Fiscal Year 2013-2014 On-Street Disabled Parking Zone Report; Darian Avelino, Transportation Engineer, reported out.
- Mr. Avelino and the Commission discussed the policies, procedures, budget and timelines involved in responding to Disabled Parking Zone, DPZ requests.
 - The MCPD requested that future reports include a map that displays the location and status of DPZs.
 - The MCPD requested a revised DPZ report that includes the policy, budget, costs, appeals information and a spreadsheet showing DPZ locations.

- The MCPD will receive the amended report at its January 2015 meeting.

C. Biannual Curb Ramp Activities and Annual Sidewalk Repair Reports, Kevin Kashi, Supervising Civil Engineer reported out on curb ramp installation activities.

- Ms. Rita provided a historical overview of curb ramp installation activities. (Please review report on page 19 in the MCPD November 10, 2014 packet.)
- Mr. Kashi and Ms. Rita answered the questions regarding the installation of curb ramps within the city.
- The sidewalk repair program was also described by Mr. Kashi and Ms. Rita. The MCPD discussed the prioritization of sidewalk repair and future sidewalk projects.
- Mr. Kashi and Ms. Rita indicated that a new sidewalks and curb ramp inventory will be a part of the upcoming ADA Transition Plan update.
- Motion to accept the report.
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Beard/Commissioner Jacobson. The report was accepted unanimously by the MCPD.

D. CFILC (Emergency Preparedness) Settlement Monitoring Report Six (January-June 2014); *Held over to December 8, 2014.*

E. ADA Buildings and Facilities Capital Improvement Annual Update, FY 2013 – 2014; *Held over to December 8, 2014.*

F. ADA Programs Division Update; *Held over to December 8, 2014.*

X. Old Business

- MCPD Ordinance. Commissioner Beard called the motion; to accept the new MCPD Ordinance as revised.
- Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.
- BART Elevator Maintenance. Stephen Beard and Denise Jacobson have exerted a joint effort via letter writing and direct contact that resulted in this issue being agendaized at the next BART Taskforce meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

XI. New Business

- Speakers Series – DeafHope is a nonprofit organization, established for and by Deaf women in January 2003. It is currently housed within the Alameda County Family Justice Center in Oakland. Its mission is to end domestic and sexual violence against Deaf women and children through empowerment, education and services
- Amber Hobson and Ancilla Aguilar, co-directors of DeafHope, related the struggle that Deaf people experience when they enter into the Justice System due to lack of effective communication.
- Speakers provided in-depth explanations on Deaf Culture. The speakers defined the various forms of “audism” which exists in all societies.
 - “Audism”, a form of oppression, is the practice/belief that those people that have hearing ability are superior to those people which are not able to hear.
- Speakers and MCPD had an enlightening question and answer section.

XII. Meeting Evaluation

- Great meeting. Awesome!

XIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Annual December Retreat

XV. Adjourned at 3:35 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, MCPD Secretary, 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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