



**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
**Monday, December 8, 2014**

**MINUTES**

- I. Called to order at 12:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
  - Quorum: Yes
  - See Exhibit A1
- III. Public Comments
  - None
- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
  - Commissioner Rosenblatt: Announced that the March 8, 2015 Developmental Disability Conference will be held in Sacramento.
    - Commented on a news article about the Southern California decision that county jails should be retrofitted to increase accessibility and accommodations for prisoners with disabilities. Wondered if the jails in Alameda County are accessible?
  - Commissioner Wright announced that the Center for Independent Living, CIL has a mobility management hub, for people who need assistance with travel. Walk-ins are the norm and there will be assistance available with mobility items.
  - Commissioner Jacobson announced that Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) is conducting research on Durable Medical Equipment, DME. She further stated that most insurance companies have limited coverage on this item.
  - Commissioner Beard reported on the San Jose Abilities Expo. Described the conference and its offerings as the best expo in years. Discussed a device that is produced by a small Tennessee company that assists with monitoring the usage of small household appliances.
  - Commissioner Beard had additional announcements:

- The BART Task Force provided an in-depth response to the MCPD's complaint regarding elevator maintenance.
- That BART outlined a new pilot project that will rehabilitate the floors of its elevators throughout the entire BART system.
- The House of Representatives passed the ABLE Act that will allow people on SSI to save up to \$14,000 in a tax exempt account. More information on the ABLE Act is posted on the MCPD's Facebook page.
- There are three potential candidates for the Commission.

V. Approval of Minutes

- November 10, 2014
- Approved by consensus

VI. Agenda Modification and Approval

- December 8, 2014
- Approved by consensus

VII. Staff - Reports

A. CFILC (Emergency Preparedness), Sherri Rita, Acting ADA Projects Coordinator provided a brief synopsis on the sixth report on this settlement that addresses the City's emergency preparedness for persons with access and functional needs.

- Motion: Accept the Semiannual Monitoring Report Six.
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Jacobson/Commissioner Rosenblatt
- Motion passed unanimously

B. ADA Buildings and Facilities Capital Improvement Annual Update, FY 2013 – 2014 and projects for 2015; Sherri Rita briefly reviewed the report and provided a short outline of projects for 2014. (Please review report on page 22 of the December 8, 2014 packet).

- Motion: Accept the report and its recommendations:
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Wright/Commissioner Burns
- Motion passed unanimously

C. ADA Programs Division Update

- Ms. Rita outlined various proposals that will be detailed in the 2015 budget cycle.

Break

VIII. Part One – Year End Retreat – Yomi Wrong, Retreat Moderator provided a brief biography.

- Ms. Wrong presently works for Sutter Health as a disability compliance officer for its Palo Alto program. Prior to Sutter Health, she was executive director for the Center for Independent Living for over four years. Her background is in journalism. Ms. Wrong has resided in Oakland for many years.
- Ms. Wrong had each commissioner introduce themselves and provide a brief biography.
- Ms. Wrong had the MCPD review its 2014 theme, “Making a Difference” and the allotted goals. Each commissioner elaborated their thoughts about the 2014 MCPD activities.

IX. Part Two – Year End Retreat Strategic Planning, Yomi Wrong

A. MCPD Long Range Goals, Objectives, and Strategies for Calendar Year 2015. The 2015 year will be a season of capacity building with the theme, “Ask, Listen, and Learn”.

1. Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Manager briefed the MCPD on considerations for 2015:
  - That the MCPD align its focus with the goals of the new administration.
  - That more community recognition/clout can be accomplished by aligning itself with the aging constituency. While many issues of the disability and aging communities are not particularly symmetrical, there are a great many issues which affect both communities. A unified stand will be beneficial to both communities.
  - A major obstacle to the efforts of the MCPD is its constant search for members. The ordinance change will help this issue.
2. Ms. Wrong lead the MCPD on discussing capacity building; aligning with mayor, etc.
  - Ms. Wrong helped to identify MCPD’s bench of allied stakeholders that can help build MCPD’s capacity and resources.

- Ms. Wrong will work with staff to present a proposed plan of action and priorities for 2015 at the January meeting based on the discussion.

B. Preparation for Officer Elections in January 2015 – held over.

X. Meeting Evaluation

- Good
- Want to revisit retreat items.

XI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Officers election
- Speaker from Center For Independent Living
- Revisit retreat issues

XV. Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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

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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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