



CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, November 21, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

- I. Called to Order at 5:15 p.m.
- II. Roll Call (**Exhibit A1**)
- III. Public Comments
 - Mr. Joe Partanksy offered information regarding a new online portal for obtaining access to disability laws and resources, and a group supporting former offenders with disabilities.
 - Ms. Bettye Lou Wright shared her experience being denied the ability to serve as a juror when called for jury duty by Alameda County Superior Court, in response to Item X. on tonight's agenda. She stated that staff determined the jury box would not accommodate her power wheelchair.
- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
 - None
- V. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2016:
 - Moved by Chair Thomas Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Frank Sperling, approved by consensus with no amendments.
- VI. Agenda Modification and Approval:
 - Moved by Chair Thomas Gregory to modify agenda to omit item VIII.A., ADA Programs Division Update, due to the absence of Christine Calabrese, City ADA Coordinator; seconded by Co-Vice Chair Elise Bernstein, unanimously approved as modified.
- VII. Chairperson's Report

- Chair Gregory reminded the group about officer elections in January 2017.
- Mentioned the recent posting of City of Oakland's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for home modifications providers; ADA Programs Division staff Sherri Rita offered to arrange for Housing and Community Development staffers to present to the MCPD on this RFQ and related developments affecting resources for residents with disabilities in Oakland at the January or February MCPD meeting.

VIII. Staff Reports

A. ADA Programs Division Update; *Christine Calabrese, City ADA Coordinator*

- Tabled as per agenda modification; see VI., above.

B. On-Street Disabled Parking Program FY 2015-16 Annual Report; *Darian Avelino, Transportation Engineer, Oakland Department of Transportation, Transportation Services Division*

- Mr. Avelino distributed a revised set of tables to replace those originally included in the agenda packet (attached here as **Exhibit B**).
- Mr. Avelino provided a general overview of the City's on-call on-street disabled parking zone program for both residential and non-residential neighborhoods, applicant qualifications, and design elements including curb ramp requirements. These policies and application materials are available [online](#).
- Mr. Avelino reviewed the data tables summarizing 2015-2016 inquiries and their status.
- Commissioner Caleb van Docto and Commissioner Sperling inquired regarding the reasons for a perceived gap between initial inquiries and applications, the rate of denials compared to approvals, and the accessibility of the application.
- Mr. Avelino responded by explaining that one staffer

processes disabled parking zone requests, and that the reasons for application denial are not made known to him unless and until an appeal is filed, and then only through communications with the ADA Programs Division, the appeals official.

- Mr. Avelino and Ms. Rita explained that the discrepancy between initial inquiries and actual applications may be due to individuals concluding that they do not meet the eligibility requirements.
- Mr. Avelino explained that generally the application is mailed to prospective applicants by U.S. Mail or electronically, and completed applications are returned in hard copy with original signatures along with the required attachments. The application is also available online for download.
- Mr. Avelino and Ms. Rita mentioned that with the new Department of Transportation (DOT), disabled parking program functions will likely be reorganized as part of the City's vision for "Complete Streets" planning and design, so may be staffed and managed differently than at this time.
- Commissioner Sperling asked if enforcement is also being examined as part of the reorganization; Ms. Rita explained that there has been ongoing dialogue within the City and among other municipalities in California regarding the perceived problem of disabled parking abuse, but no formal action has been taken with respect to disabled parking enforcement improvements as part of the DOT reorganization.

C. Astro Tot Lot Update; *Denise Louie, Capital Improvement Project Coordinator, Oakland Public Works Department, Project Delivery Division*

- Ms. Lily Soo Hoo, Supervisor, Project Delivery Division Oakland Public Works presented on behalf of Ms. Louie in her absence.
- Ms. Soo Hoo stated that demolition of the location began

that day.

- Ms. Soo Hoo reviewed the site plan and responded to commissioner questions about various features, including the location of the poured-in-place surfacing the MCPD previously authorized funding under the Fiscal Year 2016-17 ADA Capital Improvement Program ADA Tot Lot Improvement Project.
- Ms. Soo Hoo confirmed that the plans included an accessible path of travel from the parking lot to each play element.
- Chair Gregory asked about the status of the ADA Tot Lot Improvements Project prioritization equity criteria. Ms. Soo Hoo and Ms. Rita confirmed that proposed criteria would be brought to MCPD for discussion in January 2017.
- Ms. Soo Hoo mentioned that the newly formed Department of Race and Equity would be consulted to assist with developing the equity criteria.
- Ms. Rita stated that the ADA Programs Division has already offered information to OPW regarding participation by zip code in Oakland Unified School District's free and reduced price lunch program and would continue to work with OPW to further develop the criteria for presentation to the MCPD in January.

IX. Old Business

A. Roles, Responsibilities, and Protocols for MCPD;

Thomas Gregory, Chair, MCPD

- Chair Gregory re-initiated the discussion regarding what if any changes should be made to the Members Roles, Responsibilities, and Protocols document from 2010, with respect to MCPD's involvement in legislative initiatives or campaigns.
- Commissioner Sperling suggested that the MCPD also consider including a provision that members are responsible for acquiring familiarity with the ADA and related disability civil rights laws, and for arriving at meetings on time.

- No motion on specific amendments was made after discussion, to be continued at December planning retreat.

B. MCPD Meeting Frequency, Committee Structure, and 2017 Goals, Objectives, and Strategies; *Thomas Gregory and Co-Vice Chair Aaron Zisser*

- Due to Co-Vice Chair Zisser's absence, Commissioner Preet Anand presented on behalf of the ad hoc group led by Co-Vice Chair Zisser to develop recommendations for committee structure, meeting frequency, and goals and objectives.
- Commissioner Anand stated that the group arrived at a proposal for three committees focused on the following topics/activities, as follows:
 1. Physical Access Committee-to serve as the oversight committee for ADA capital projects and ADA Transition Plan implementation.
 2. Outreach/Education Committee-to promote awareness of the MCPD, disability civil rights laws, resources for individuals with disabilities.
 3. Programs and Services Committee-to serve as the oversight body for programmatic access concerns.
- Commissioner Anand asked that the group think about the committee proposal in anticipation of the December retreat.
- Commissioner Sperling explained that the committees were conceived to each take responsibility for hearing specific staff reports and free up full commission meeting agendas.
- Following discussion to be continued at the December retreat, no motions were made with respect to committee formation, meeting frequency, or goals and objectives.

C. Measure KK (Infrastructure Bond Measure) Result and Next Steps; *Thomas Gregory*

- Chair Gregory facilitated discussion regarding the MCPD's role in supporting Measure KK implementation to benefit the disability community.
- Ms. Rita explained that the Fiscal Year 2017-19 budget development is underway and along with Measure KK implementation, the MCPD has the opportunity to participate in the development of the City's infrastructure, transportation and housing programs' budgets.
- The MCPD deferred formal action towards Measure KK implementation activities pending further discussion with Commissioner Brian Harrington who led the MCPD's involvement in the bond's development.

X. New Business

A. Courtroom Access for Persons with Disabilities; *Caleb van Docto, Commissioner, MCPD*

- Commissioner van Docto explained that the Guardian article regarding the discriminatory treatment of a former Lions Center for the Blind client before an Alameda County Superior Court judge in Oakland was shared in order to raise commissioners' awareness, understanding that county court functions were not within City jurisdiction.
- Co-Vice Chair Bernstein reminded the group of the difficulties she and a neighbor encountered using the Alameda County voter registration form due to the small font and suggested as another disability access issue under Alameda County's jurisdiction that should be brought to the attention of appropriate authorities.
- Commissioner Brandon Young offered to facilitate contact between Co-Vice Chair Bernstein and the Alameda County Task Force on Persons with Disabilities at the Registrar of Voters.

B. December Retreat Planning; *Thomas Gregory*

- Chair Gregory reviewed the proposed three committee structure discussed earlier and meeting frequency options. No motion on meeting frequency was made but Chair Gregory suggested monthly meetings should be calendared but could be canceled when no business to conduct.
- Ms. Rita asked for clarification regarding whether the MCPD wished for a facilitator for the retreat; after discussion Chair Gregory determined there was no need for a facilitator.
- Commissioner Anand suggested arranging for a different room for the retreat; Ms. Rita confirmed staff would try to reserve a different room.

X. Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

EXHIBIT A.1 for Attachment to Minutes of Event Date
City of Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities
Meeting for November 21, 2016

**COMMISSIONERS
 ROLL CALL**

Quorum Established <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number Voting Members Present _____	Present	Excused Late	Arrive Late	Leave Early	Absent	Excused	Non-voting status
Chairperson Thomas Gregory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Co-Vice Chairperson Elise Bernstein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Co-Vice Chairperson Aaron Zisser					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
COMMISSIONERS							
Caleb Van Docto	X						
Brian Harrington					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Jian Hong			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Danielle Roundtree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Preet Anand			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Brandon Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Frank Sperling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Sarah Garner					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vacant							
Staff: Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Division Manager							
Sherri Rita, ADA Programmatic Access Coordinator							
Others:							
Interpreters:							

