



City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)

Monday, February 26, 2018

Minutes

- I. Call to Order at 5:34 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - 9 Commissioners present: Garner, Gregory, Harrington, Hong, Meshack, Ryan, Sperling, van Docto, Wright
- III. Public Comments
 - None
- IV. Agenda Modification and Approval
 - Motion to approve Agenda: Commissioner Gregory
Seconded by Commissioner Harrington
Aye: 9 - Garner, Gregory, Harrington, Hong, Meshack, Ryan, Sperling, van Docto, Wright
Motion passed.
- V. Approval of January 29, 2018 Minutes
 - Commissioner Wright requested to further specify under community outreach that she was referring to City Council District Town Hall meetings.
 - Motion to approve Agenda: Commissioner Gregory
Seconded by Commissioner Wright
Aye: 9 - Garner, Gregory, Harrington, Hong, Meshack, Ryan, Sperling, van Docto, Wright
Motion passed.

VI. Chair Report; *Frank Sperling, Chair*

- Chair Sperling updated that he sent a letter to Department of Transportation (DOT) Director Ryan Russo regarding the Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Project.
 - Chair Sperling and Anh then met with Mr. Russo, Mr. Alaoui and Ms. Fine to discuss ADA compliance and accessibility issues discussed at the MCPD meeting along the project corridor.
 - Parking Enforcement, now under DOT, will conduct parking violations sting to mitigate blue zone / disabled placard abuse.
 - DOT staff will report back at future MCPD meeting regarding project updates and responding to the letter.

VII. Commissioner's Announcements

- Commissioner Gregory met with Council Member At-large Rebecca Kaplan regarding Measure KK funds for home modifications.
- Additionally, Commissioner Gregory updated that Council Member Kaplan will be hosting a March 5 panel on homelessness. Commissioner van Docto confirmed that he will attend on behalf of MCPD.
- Finally, Disability Rights Advocates is ready to sue Uber and Lyft for lack of ADA access in the counties of Alameda and San Francisco.

VIII. Staff Report; *Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager*

- Lakeside Green Streets Project, which includes protected bike lanes, will be heard at City Council Public Works Committee on February 27, 12pm in Hearing Room 1.
 - Chair Sperling may be able to attend the meeting.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

A. Strategic Planning Retreat Follow-up; *Chair Sperling*

- Commissioner Garner brought up the issue of employment for persons with disabilities, which may be revisited in a future meeting.
- Below are proposed Commissioner assignments by Objective:
 - 1.1: Sperling, Gregory
 - 1.2: Contreras, Sperling
 - 1.3: Young, Hong, Meshack
 - 1.4: Wright
 - 1.5: Harrington, Wright
 - 1.6: Contreras
 - 2.1: Garner, van Docto
 - 2.2: Garner, Ryan
 - 3.1: Wright, Garner
 - 4.1: Harrington
 - 4.2: Harrington, Meshack
 - 5.1: Gregory
 - 5.2: van Docto

B. Community Outreach; *Commissioner Wright*

- This ad hoc committee will meet within two weeks to further discuss community outreach possibilities.

C. Homelessness; *Commissioner van Docto*

- Commissioner van Docto reiterated that he will attend the panel discussion on homelessness hosted by Council Member Kaplan on March 5.
- He then provided the following updates from Mayor Libby Schaaf's email news:

- The 6th and Castro navigation center has 20 Tuff Sheds that can house up to 40 individuals at once.
 - Two and a half months into the pilot program, 44 people from surrounding encampments voluntarily moved into the center, on a first come, first serve basis.
 - Eight people have moved from the center into transitional or permanent housing.
 - Fifteen people have had job interviews.
 - Thirty people acquired California ID cards.
 - The surrounding six-block encampment area was dismantled and remains free and clear of any debris and street camping.

- A second navigation center is being planned for Northgate Avenue and 27th Street.

- City of Oakland is also trying to acquire a former single resident occupancy (SRO) hotel to provide more transitional housing and services with the goal of rapid re-housing, similar to the Henry Robinson Multi-Service Center.

- There are also new financial incentives for Oakland landlords to rent to Section 8 voucher holders to encourage property owners to maintain their affordable housing units.

- The City is also working with Oakland's faith community to use church parking lots as safe places for people who live in their cars. Housing specialists and service providers would visit the lots to help residents move toward housing.

IX. Department of Transportation (DOT) Update on Vision Zero;
Nicole Ferrara, Vision Zero Program Manager, DOT, Great Streets Division

- Ms. Ferrara stated that there were 35 and 37 traffic deaths in Oakland in 2016 and 2017, respectively.
 - In looking at traffic deaths by mode, 45 percent were driving or riding in a car, while 39 percent were walking.
 - Furthermore, 36 percent of pedestrian crashes occur on two percent of streets in Oakland.
 - Moreover, high crash streets are concentrated where disadvantaged Oaklanders live, primarily the flatlands.
 - Asian Oaklanders are killed at four times the rate of White Oaklanders.
 - Black and Latino Oaklanders are killed at two times the rate of White Oaklanders.
 - Traffic deaths disproportionately impact seniors, who make up 11 percent of Oakland's population, but 25 percent of traffic deaths.
 - Crashes in Oakland are due mainly to the following:
 - Speeding: 19 percent of kills; 19 percent of pedestrian kills and severe injuries
 - Failure to yield: 18 percent of kills; 46 percent of all pedestrian crashes
 - Unsafe turning: 16 percent of kills
 - DUI: 13 percent of kills; 41 percent of pedestrian kills and severe injuries.
- The concept of Vision Zero as follows:
 - In many situations, a human may make a mistake, but the road system should be flexible to account for human mistakes that do not lead to death or severe injuries.
 - Change language to crashes, not accidents.
 - For instance, in Sweden's Vision Zero Initiative, while traffic volume increased, traffic deaths decreased.
 - Vision Zero approach:

- Focus on ending all severe and fatal crashes
 - Responsibility on the system to prevent crashes
 - Ending severe and fatal crashes is top priority
 - Top priorities based on crash history and injury inequities
 - Slowing speeds save lives: risk of injury and death in crashes increases exponentially as speed increases
 - 20 mph: 10 percent chance of death
 - 30 mph: 40 percent chance of death
 - 40 mph: 80 percent chance of death
 - Crosswalks:
 - High visibility crosswalks lead to 47 percent reduction in crashes.
 - Raised crosswalks lead to 69-91 percent improvement in driver yielding
 - Example of Harrison and 23rd Street safety improvement project that led to seven percent decrease in speeding vehicles, with no change in median speeds and 86 percent increase in drivers stopping for pedestrians in crosswalk:
 - Curb ramp added for accessibility
 - Class 2 bike lanes added
 - Widened, painted, and protected median
 - Larger, more visible crosswalk with fewer lanes to cross
 - Eliminated challenging left turn from 23rd Street
- Chair Sperling raised the following concerns as unintended consequences of traffic calming:
 - Floating parking hampers visibility for persons with disabilities
 - Raised crosswalks slows emergency vehicles
- Safe Streets Brain Trust:

- Brings together other City departments and community based organizations to support holistic safety needs
- Help DOT determine how we can avoid unintended consequences
- Help inform DOT activities and engagement
 - Commissioner Meshack volunteered for the Safe Streets Brain Trust.
 - Commissioner van Docto also recommended Commissioners Harrington and Young.

X. Future Agenda Items

- A. DOT Update on Pedestrian Master Plan
- B. DOT Update on Bicycle Master Plan
- C. DOT Parking and Mobility Programs Update on Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles in the Taxi Program
- D. DOT Parking and Mobility Programs Update on Accessibility in the Bikeshare Program
- E. DOT Update on Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Repair Programs
- F. DOT Update on Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Project
- G. Joint AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee and MCPD Update
- H. City Administrator's Office Update on Project Implementation

- I. Oakland Fire Department, Emergency Management Services Division Overview of Methods for Addressing Access and Functional Needs During an Emergency
 - J. Planning and Building Department Update on the Planning Division
 - K. Oakland Police Department Update on Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
 - L. Housing and Community Development Update on Home Modification Funding
 - M. Infrastructure Bond Implementation FY 2017-19
- XI. Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.