

CITY OF OAKLAND

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) **Wednesday, February 20, 2013

MINUTES

I. Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

• Quorum: Yes

• See Exhibit 1A

III. Public Comments

- Ms. Fatimah Stevens, director of programs for a local non-profit, discussed her experience trying to find an accessible apartment for her mother who is a wheelchair user. She also expressed her interest in becoming involved with the Commission and its activities.
- Mr. Jim Dexter, a resident of City of Oakland's Council District 4 introduced himself.
- Ms. Ann Wilson, candidate for the MCPD introduced herself.
- Ms. Lil De Consuelo briefly discussed the impacts that the baby-boomer generation (1946 1964) will have upon social services as it ages.

IV. Commissioner's Announcements

- Commissioner Rosenblatt announced that the National Federation of the Blind issued a press release detailing its partnership with Monster.com on searches for employment. (See Exhibit B)
- Commissioner Hernandez related her impending trip to Washington D.C. on behalf of the National Arthritis Foundation.
- Commissioner Hurd and Commissioner McLeod announced that on Sunday, February 24, 2013, 11:00 a.m., Allen Temple Baptist Church, 8501 International Boulevard, Oakland, will have its minster of disability services gave the 11:00 a.m. sermon.

V. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve January 14, 2013 minutes
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Blanks/Commissioner McLeod
- Minutes approved. Commissioner Hurd abstained.

VI. Agenda Modification and Approval

- Motion to approve February 20, 2013 agenda
- Agenda approved by consensus

VII. Chair Report

- A. Commissioner Beard provided an extensive update upon recruitment efforts.
 - Discussed his meeting with Yomi Wrong, director of the Center for Independent Living, CIL. Detailed plans for more collaboration between CIL and MCPD.
 - Announced that Stanford University, in Palo Alto, California will host an assistive technology faire that will center on technology for people with physical mobility limitations.
 - That in April 2013, the semi-annual California Convention of the Blind will convene in Sacramento, California.
- B. Vice-chair Jacobson discussed the progress of events regarding the maintenance conditions of the BART system. She has received numerous emails regarding this issue.
 - Has received a speaker confirmation from BART for the March MCPD meeting. Mr. Bob Franklin, a manager at BART is scheduled for the March 11, 2013 meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. Speaker Series

- Council Member At-Large Rebecca Kaplan gave an energetic and highly informative presentation to the MCPD regarding the workings of City Council.
- She discussed the many ways which the MCPD can strengthen its involvement and ties to the City Council.
- She reported on her successful re-election to her second term and that she is now the Chairperson of the Council Public Works Committee, PWC, which deals with various issues

- regarding the public right of way, streets, sidewalks, accessibility, and general transportation matters.
- She detailed that she is Vice Chair of the Alameda County
 Transportation Commission which oversees transportation
 finances for the entire Alameda County. She rallied for the
 MCPD support and outreach toward this group to help get more
 transportation financing for the upgrade of public transportation
 for the urban areas within Alameda County, especially Oakland.
 - Distributed a proposed letter to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, BAAQMD regarding the continuation of the Broadway Shuttle. (<u>sgallagher@baaqmd.gov</u>). (See Exhibit C).
- Councilperson Kaplan conducted a lively question and answer period with Commissioners.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Access Compliance Advisory Committee (ACAC)
 - Committee Co-Chairperson Scott Blanks reported that the official joint Bus Rapid Transit oversight committee is still a work in progress. There should be more action on this proposal within the next month.
 - Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Hearing Room Three, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)
- B. Strategic Planning and Oversight Adhoc Committee (SPOC), Vice Chair Denise Jacobson reported that the SPOC will meet on the first Thursday of the month, in the 11th floor conference of City Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Jacobson mentioned that this new committee is based upon the recommendations that flowed from the MCPD December 2012 retreat.
- C. Education & Outreach Ad-hoc Committee (EOC)
 - Commissioner Lorraine Rosenblatt announced that the Alameda County annual Transition Faire will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at the College of Alameda and asked for volunteers to staff the table. (This is normally a joint table with the City of Oakland, Inclusive Recreation Program, directed by Scott Means.)

- Inquired about printed materials for future outreach efforts on behalf of the MCPD.
 - This will be discussed and decided within the coming weeks.

X. Old Business

- None
- XI. Staff Reports; Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Manager reported
 - A. ADA Programs Division does not anticipate any cuts to its program for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - B. Review a Draft City Council Resolution Approving the Creation of the Access Compliance Advisory Committee (ACAC) as a Joint Standing Committee of the MCPD and Commission on Aging
 - Discussed the draft resolution. There are still outstanding concerns regarding this effort. Staff is presently reworking this entire resolution. There will be additional report outs within the upcoming weeks. (Please refer to page 20 in the February 20, 2013 MCPD packet).

XII. Meeting Evaluation

• The entire commission voiced its thanks and appreciation for Councilperson at Large, Rebecca Kaplan talking at length with the commission.

XIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- BART Manager
- Commissioner Hernandez update on report at Washington D.C.

XIV. Adjourned at 2:50 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, <u>before</u> 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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