

CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
March 11, 2013

MINUTES

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

- II. Roll Call
 - Quorum: yes
 - Each commissioner gave a brief personal statement
 - See Exhibit 1A

- III. Public Comments
 - None

- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
 - Commissioner Beard will be hosting a free home ownership seminar for people with disabilities on March 27, 2013 at his Berkeley office, 2095 Rose Street, Suite 100, Berkeley.
 - Commissioner Rosenblatt discussed a news item about a school district failing to evacuate two young women who are wheelchair users during a fire emergency. (See Exhibit B.)

- V. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to approve February 20, 2013 minutes
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Blanks/Commissioner Rosenblatt
 - Minutes approved

- VI. Agenda Modification and Approval
 - March 11, 2013 agenda will include extra items under Item VII.
Chair report
 - Agenda approved by consensus

- VII. Chair Report
 - Commissioner Beard reported back on his presentation to the Oakland Youth Commission meeting held on February 25, 2013.

- Accepted the invitation from the Oakland Youth Commission, OYC and attended their February 25 meeting. The OYC has a full roster of 25 commissioners and at this particular meeting there were 12 commissioners seated. The OYC commissioners range from 13 to 21 years in age. Chairperson Beard explained the actions that the MCPD takes on behalf of the disability community to the OYC. The commissioners expressed their interest in and their desire to work with the MCPD in the future.
- Report back on the Mayor's State of the City address on February 27, 2013.
 - The Mayor spoke in length about public safety. She also discussed the upcoming budget for the City. Commissioners Hurd and Burns were also at the Mayor's State of the City speech.
- Report back on the March 6, 2013 Commission on Aging, CoA meeting. There were three new commissioners added to the CoA which brings its roster to eleven. At this meeting there were three speakers who focused on various housing issues. Commissioner Beard was impressed with the information that the speakers presented and will work with the EOC to have one or two of them present their particular information to the MCPD later in the year.
- Commissioner Beard discussed an exchange of emails that he had with former MCPD Commissioner Lori Ann Dotson. Ms. Dotson expressed her willingness to assist and/or participate in any special projects on behalf of the MCPD. Commissioner Beard suggested that commissioners keep Ms. Dotson in mind when contemplating their special projects.
- Commissioner Beard announced the Transition Faire that happens on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at the College of Alameda. He enthusiastically described the activities that will occur at the Transition Faire on behalf of the youth who are transitioning from school-age to adulthood.

VIII. Vice-Chair Report

- None

IX. Committee Reports

A. Access Compliance Advisory Committee (ACAC)

- Commissioner Blanks briefed the commission on the proposed agenda for the March 20, 2013 meeting.

- There will be a report from the Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled, OPED by Hakeim McGee, Senior Services Supervisor.
- Representatives from AC Transit have been invited to provide details on its proposals for its design of way-finding and infrastructure at its BRT stations.
- There is to be a report on the curb ramp transition project covering the period of July 1 to December 31, 2012 presented by PWA staff.
- Next Meeting: A Special Meeting of the ACAC and East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project Functional Needs & Access Review Subcommittee on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Hearing Room Three, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)

B. Education & Outreach Ad-hoc Committee, EOC

- Commissioner Burns reported. The National Alliance for Mental Illness, NAMI, California will host its annual conference in Burlingame, California on August 14, 15 and 16, 2013. Commissioner Burns, a member of NAMI, asks if the MCPD will be able to financially support her attendance to the NAMI conference.
- Motion: Moved that the MCPD provides funding on behalf of Commissioner Amy Burns to attend the NAMI, California conference in Burlingame, California for two days, August 15 and 16, 2013. The conference registration fee is \$170 for the two days.
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Beard/Commissioner Wright
 - Ayes unanimous. No abstentions.
- Commissioner Burns next discussed the list of potential speakers for the next months.
- Planning workshops on various functional needs topics. There will be fliers sent via email with more information.
- The MCPD plans to partner on an information table with the Red Cross and the Fire Department for the Multiple Sclerosis M.S., walk which will be on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Lake Merritt in Oakland.

C. Strategic Planning & Oversight Ad-hoc Committee, SPOC

- Chairperson Denise Jacobson reported that each SPOC member went to a council committee meeting and observed its specific focus. Each member was well received by the council committee and encouraged to continue participation.
- Discussed the implementation of a Facebook page for the MCPD.
- Discussed methods for recruiting new commissioners to the MCPD.

X. ADA Programs Division Report; Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Manager reported:

- The California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC) v Oakland monitoring report. (The third report went forward to DRA last week). ADA Programs convened a panel which included Commissioner Rosenblatt, along with other experts from various public agencies, who reviewed the curriculum which has been developed over the past few years.
 - Access and Functional Needs curriculum for professionals who will be managing the City shelters. Staff is working hard to make it user friendly for trainers and recipients. Very close to delivering it to Office of Emergency Service, OES.
- Ongoing focus on transportation. Initiating a change that the City adopts the Caltrans details for the construction of curb ramps, disabled parking zones, DPZ and other accessibility features on streets. Caltrans is designated to design state wide standards for accessibility and is certified with the *Access Board* to provide uniformity. The uniformity makes it easier to inspect.
- Delivered content for the Workforce Investment Board, WIB to place on its website as part of remedying the results of an audit done in 2010. ADA provided in-depth website information and links to highlight connections and services for the disability populations.
- Ms. Calabrese and Scott Means, OPR Inclusive Recreation Coordinator accepted sponsorships from the Local Region IX Disability and Business Technical Center (Pacific ADA) to attend the National ADA Symposium in San Antonio, Texas on May 13 though 15, 2013.
- Handed out a matrix which provides a list of staff reports for 2013. (See Exhibit C)

XI. Old Business

- 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.
- Deferred to a future meeting

Break 2:05 to 2:10 p.m.

XII. New Business

- A. Report back on presentation to the Arthritis Foundation national meeting held in Washington, D.C.; Commissioner Michele Hernandez
- Held over.
- B. Bay Area Rapid Transit District, BART, Mr. Bob Franklin, Department Manager, Customer Access and Accessibility.
- Mr. Franklin was responsive to the MCPD's concerns regarding BART; its accessibility and cleanliness.
 - Spoke about the BART Task Force Advisory Committee that advises BART on accessibility issues. The BART Task Force meets every fourth Thursday at 2:30 p.m., at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 108 8th Street, Oakland. This is an eighteen (18) member task force. To become a member one must attend 3 to 4 meetings and then submit an application.
 - Acknowledged that usability of an elevator can be dramatically impacted by the elevator's uncleanliness.
 - Discussed hiring 15 (additional) system service workers who will be tasked with cleaning the BART stations especially elevators. (This is reversing the 2009 decision to lay off such workers due to impacts of the economic downturn.)
 - BART will increase its station's inspections to every two hours to monitor station maintenance.
 - BART stations will have a thorough cleaning twice a day.
 - Will post instructive signage regarding maintenance requests. Will establish a 30 minute response time to request for maintenance actions.
 - Acknowledged that maintenance of the BART elevator system is problematic and that BART is working toward station changes, i.e., glass-enclosed elevators.

- Mr. Franklin, the MCPD and the public audience engaged in a lively question and answer period.

XIII. Meeting Evaluation

- Very informative, good discussion with Mr. Franklin
- Appreciation expressed for Commission Jacobson and her work in bringing Mr. Franklin to speak at the MCPD.


XIV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Report out from Commissioner Hernandez
- Monthly speaker
- Recap of BART discussion

XV. Adjourned at 3:30 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, 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.

 This meeting is wheelchair accessible. To request materials in alternative formats, or to request an ASL interpreter, captioning or assistive listening device, please call Adriana Mitchell 238-5219 (V) or 238-2007 (TTY) at least three, 3, business days before the meeting. Please refrain from wearing scented products to this meeting so persons who may experience chemical sensitivities can attend. Thank you.