



CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, July 8, 2013

MINUTES

- I. Called to order at 1:10 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - Quorum: Yes
 - See Exhibit A.1
- III. Public Comments
 - None
- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
 - Commissioner Beard announced that he will be co-hosting a free housing seminar that will feature information on special needs trust, a legal instrument used to protect assets, on July 17, 2013.
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - Page 6, item IXB, first bullet point date is incorrect. The correct date is Monday, July 1, 2013.
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Jacobson/Commissioner Beard
 - Minutes approved by consensus. One abstention
- VI. Agenda Modification and Approval
 - July 8, 2013
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Hurd/Commissioner Hernandez
 - Motion passed by consensus. Agenda approved with no modifications.
- VII. Chair Report.
 - Reported that he is happy with the recent appointments to the MCPD but his goal is to bring the Commission to its full compliment of fifteen members.
 - Asked that commissioners make effort to be on time to the general MCPD meetings.

VIII. Vice-Chair Report

- Commissioner Jacobson will send an email to the new commissioners requesting their biographies, which will be posted to the MCPD website.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Access Compliance Advisory Committee (ACAC).

Commissioner Beard reported on behalf of Commissioner Blanks.

- The Committee did not meet in June 2017. He reminded the commission that the Bus Rapid Transit, BRT project will be heard at the City Council's Public Works Committee, on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, starting at 11:30 a.m.
- Discussion between staff and commissioners regarding the BRT, its conditions of approval, etc.
- Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Hearing Room Three, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)

B. Education & Outreach Ad-hoc Committee, EOC, Chairperson Lorraine Rosenblatt reported:

- There was a two day event hosted by Alameda County Public Health Department. The first day was an exercise in mass emergency mass care and sheltering. It was a very condensed version on how to shelter people with varied needs during a mass emergency situation. There was a short segment that defined a Functional Assessment Service Team, FAST, a group of people who are trained to work with people with disabilities. The American Red Cross, ARC was involved in this exercise. The second day was a vendor faire, at which the MCPD shared an informational booth with CORE.
- July 1, 2013 Building Health Mobile Independent Communities faire was cancelled due to a labor strike.
- The Healthy Seniors Faire will be held at the Oakland Zoo on July 18, 2013.
- Youth in Action is planned for October 23, 2013.
- The EOC is also planning a comedy night and a round table discussion regarding transitioning from high school to adulthood for October 2013.
- Discussion on updating the MCPD resources materials.

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

- Chairperson Denise Jacobson asked that commissioners who reside in Oakland contact their councilperson and inform them on the issues which are more important to persons with disabilities.

X. Staff Reports

A. ADA Programs Division Update; Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Manager reported that Scott Means is serving as the interim ADA Programs Analyst III. Recruitment for the permanent position is underway.

XI. Old Business

- Commissioner Jacobson discussed the on-going maintenance problem on the BART elevators. At this writing BART has not replied to Commissioner Jacobson's letter regarding the sanitary conditions on their elevators. Chairperson Beard will write a letter to BART regarding this issue.

1:55 to 2:05 p. m. Break

XII. New Business

A. Speakers Series: Affordable & Accessible Housing Panel

1. Overview of Services, Oakland Housing Assistance Center, Lin A. Chin, Esq., Strategic Initiative Coordinator, Housing and Community Development Department, City of Oakland.
 - This is a new program that is to offer a one stop approach to housing services and referrals.
 - It serves tenants, small landlords and people who are relocating to Oakland.
 - Housing counseling and advocacy is offered by non-profits partners and volunteers. Many programs are pilot programs and based upon program tracking maybe revised.
 - In October 2012, a new foreclosure prevention program was started. It involves community outreach workers who work with homeowners that have received default notices. They guide the homeowner though the various avenues which assist people to stay in their homes.

- There are many programs available. For additional information, contact the Housing Assistance Center is located at 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 6th floor, (510) 238-6182. (Please refer to Exhibit B).
2. Services and Programs For People with Disabilities, Kym Luqman, Executive Director, Rebuilding Oakland Together, ROT
- This was formerly *Christmas in April*. It is a non-profit partner with the Oakland Housing Assistance Center. It provides home owners, primarily seniors or persons with disabilities with home repairs that enable the owners to live independent and safe in their homes. (See Exhibit C)
 - The major repairs are performed in April. Such repairs deal with safety and comfort issues. Comfort focus on the general heating system and window and roofs that do not leak. Safety focus is on code compliance issues that compromise the health of the occupants such as grab bars. Cosmetic repairs such as painting, landscaping are secondary.
 - These repairs are free to the client. The repairs are done by volunteers that come from the community that want to provide services to their neighbors.
 - Discussion on making accessible repairs on rental properties.
3. Emergency and Transitional Housing Services, Ollie Arnold, Housing Outreach Coordinator, Alameda County 211.
- Ms. Arnold reported that they are the information referral system for Alameda County. Have information on agencies though out Alameda County that includes a housing data base which is not common for most referral systems.
 - 211 contacts the property owners obtain the rental criteria and post it into the referral system.
 - The client is given information based upon their requests and it is the client's responsibility to make the contacts.
 - In particular circumstances the 211 Information System will partner with the Oakland Housing Center to provide further assistance for clients.
 - Housing clients are required to participate in a referral process which is basically answering a series of statistical

questions. They do have a TTY System and are able to use the California Relay System, 711.

- There was a lively question and answer period between commissioners and Ms. Arnold.

XIII. Meeting Evaluation

- Very helpful, terrific information.

XIV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- September 16, 2013. (August is recess)

XV. Adjourned at 3:20 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.