



CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, September 8, 2014

Minutes

I. Call to Order:

- 1:10 p.m. Informational meeting convened
- 2:20 p.m. quorum achieved.

II. Roll Call:

- Quorum: Yes
- See Exhibit A1

III. Public Comments

- Ms. Danielle Roundtree, Independent Living Resources introduced herself to the MCPD.
- Ms. Eva Aguillard, Former Commissioner, detailed her actions within Oakland to make it a model city of accessibility.
 - Informed the MCPD on the Mayoral candidate debate that is scheduled for September 19, 2014 at the East Oakland Senior Center, 7200 Bancroft Avenue, Oakland.
- Mr. Sharif Frink, California Telephone Access Program introduced himself to the MCPD.

IV. Commissioner's Announcements

- Commissioner Jacobson announced that the MCPD Facebook Page has 166 likes.
- Commissioner Beard expressed his appreciation for Commissioner Jacobson's work on the MCPD's Facebook Page, its setup and maintenance. Commissioner Beard asked commissioners to "like" its Facebook Page and put important events/dates on the page.

- Commissioner Beard, on behalf of Commissioner Hurd, talked about an event she attended on August 18, 2014 sponsored by the Persons with Disabilities Foundation regarding “Abuse Against People with Mental and/or Developmental Disabilities in Institutional Community Settings, Physical, Verbal and Sexual”. Commissioner Hurd will provide additional information to commissioners at a forthcoming date.

V. Approval of Minutes

- June 9, 2014 minutes
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Jacobson/Commissioner Blanks
- Motion passed with objection

VI. Agenda Modification and Approval

- September 8, 2014
- Agenda accepted by consensus

VII. Chairperson’s Report, Stephen Beard reported:

- Update on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, CRPD Treaty Ratification
 - Provided background on the CRPD Treaty. This treaty will be re-introduced for Senate ratification (vote) in fall 2014.
- Mentioned that the MCPD presentation on June 24, 2014 was well received by the Life Enrichment Committee.
- Announced that Commissioner Thompson resigned from the MCPD during the summer. He has interviewed a couple of potential candidates.
- Provided details on a brain-storming session sponsored by California Endowment and East Bay Innovations that was convened in downtown Oakland during the first week of September 2014. It focused on creating employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. Additional information will be forthcoming.

VIII. Vice-Chairperson’s Report

- None

IX. Committee Reports

A. Access Compliance Advisory Committee (ACAC), Chairperson Scott Blanks reported.

- The annual report on Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled, OPED will be reported out.
- The final report on the Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Project that will be reported out.
- Next regular meeting: Wednesday September 17, 2014, 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.

- The program, “Doctors are In” will be postponed until the spring of 2015.
- Reel Abilities, films that star and/or are produced by people with disabilities will run in San Francisco/Oakland movie theaters. This event is sponsored by Creative Growth, which has asked for volunteers from the MCPD. More information will be forthcoming.
- The Candidate Forum will be on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 in the City Council Chambers starting at 5:00 p.m. and will end at 7:00 p.m. (See Exhibit B).
- Comedy night is in the works.

X. Staff Reports

- ADA Programs Division Update, Sherri Rita, Acting ADA Projects Coordinator reported on issues that the ADA office manages. The Division participated in the first quarterly Access and Functional Needs Subcommittee of the Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Committee to develop mechanisms for engaging persons with access and functional needs in advance of an emergency; the Division has also been working with Right of Way Management to enforce public right of way access standards.

XI. Old Business

- Report Back on the MCPD 2013 Annual Report to the Oakland City Council Life Enrichment Committee, LEC.

- Final report on suggestions put forth by the LEC regarding meeting relocation to allow for KTOP broadcast; remote attendance, member stipends, and membership and quorum modifications.
- Ms. Rita consulted with the City Administrator and City Attorney on each suggestion. She explained that KTOP is only available in rooms that are already booked; while remote attendance by video or phone is permissible under the Brown Act, the remote locations would have to be accessible to the public and noticed; the City does not have a history among its various commissions of providing stipends and so the Commission would have to establish why stipends now; and that the membership and quorum modifications are being addressed in the pending revisions to the enabling ordinance.
- Commissioners did not discuss pursuing the stipend, meeting relocation, or remote attendance suggestions further.

XII. New Business

A. Revision of the MCPD Ordinance: Ms. Rita reported that the primary focus of the revision is to change the total number of commissioners and quorum requirements.

- The ACAC will become a standing committee of the commission. The ACAC will continue its mission to focus on access to the City's programs and facilities.
- Motion: That the membership of the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disability will consist of up to fifteen members.
 - Quorum will consist of fifty-percent, plus one of active commission members.
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Beard/Commissioner Blanks
- Motion passed without objection.
- Motion: To approve the revisions to the ordinance of the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, including the amendment on membership.
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Beard/Commissioner Rosenblatt.
- Motion approved without objection.

- Ms. Rita will confer with the City Attorney on proposed revisions and report back.

B. Training on Accessibility in the Public Right of Way for City Staff & MCPD. Ms. Rita reported that training is being planned for October 2014. Information will be forwarded to commissioners as it becomes available.

Break at 2:00 to 2:15 p.m.

C. Speakers Series

- Play is for Everyone
Erin Burton, Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, CTRS, Recreation Director for the Inclusive Recreation Program, located at Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street, Oakland reported:
 - The Oakland Park and Recreation, OPR, Inclusive Recreation Program, IRP was started in 2001 as part of the City of Oakland's ADA Compliance Program.
 - The IRP provides an access point for residents of Oakland with disabilities on specialized and integrated recreational and sports programs as appropriate.
 - While providing specialized services, the overall goal is to create an atmosphere of acceptance and inclusion throughout OPR facilities and program. The IRP provides resources for individuals with disabilities to accommodate their participation in mainstream recreation programs and services and at the same time educate people without disabilities about their peers.
 - The funding for the IRP, except for the managing director and recreation leader, comes from contracts, grants and collaborative partnerships without the use of general funds.
 - Please refer the OPR, IRP 2014 Annual Report, (Exhibit C).

XIII. Meeting Evaluation

- Great meeting, but room temperature needs adjustment.
- Great information regarding the recreation inclusive program.

XIV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- To be announced.

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, MCPD Secretary, 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.

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