



CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
January 12, 2015

MINUTES

- I. Called to order at 1:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - Quorum: Yes
 - See Exhibit A1
- III. Public Comments
 - Eva Aguillard, MCPD Commissioner Retired, talked about the benefits that walking provides to persons with disabilities. Outlined the walk clubs that are operating within the different parts of Oakland and the challenges they experience from broken sidewalks, uncontrolled traffic and crime.
 - Requested the MCPD's support for the completion of the stalled sidewalk repairs in the East Oakland neighborhood of 78th Avenue.
 - Chair Stephen Beard advised Ms. Aguillard to report her concerns to the Public Works Call Center and that staff would assist in follow up if necessary.
- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
 - Commissioner Hurd announced that the City of Alameda's Housing Authority will open its "Wait List" for its Section 8 program. Applications will be accepted starting on Thursday, January 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. It will stop accepting applications on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 9:59 a.m. Applications will be accepted on-line only, a link is www.alamedahsg.org.
 - Commissioner Simmons recently became engaged.

- V. Approval of Minutes
- December 8, 2014
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Burns/Commissioner Jacobson
 - Motion passed. One abstention, Commissioner Hurd.
- VI. Agenda Modification and Approval
- The chairperson and vice-chairperson election will be moved up on the agenda.
 - Motion passed by consensus.
- VII. Chairperson's Report
- Chairperson Stephen Beard reported.
 - Expressed his appreciation to the commissioners for their attendance and promptness.
 - Received an email from the BART Taskforce that BART will be implementing changes to its station communication system that will make it more accessible for deaf people.
 - Encouraged commissioners to participate in the public forum thereby keeping the disability issues on the forefront.
 - This is the twenty-fifth year anniversary for the passage of the ADA. There will be many activities later in the year to celebrate its anniversary.
 - Discussed the passage of the ABLE Act.
- VIII. Staff Reports
- A. ADA Programs Division Update; Sherri Rita, Acting ADA Projects Coordinator reported.
- There are new City initiatives which may be of interest to commissioners.
 - The Fiscal 2015-2017 Policy Budget is being formulated. There will be a series of town hall meetings where the public will have opportunity to comment on the budget.
 - Capital Improvement Program, CIP Program for 2015 to 2020 have a number of requests that will assist to implement the new ADA Transition Plan.
 - There are many technology-based projects planned for Oakland in which the MCPD may become involved.
 - Open Oakland, a Code for America project will engage community stakeholders in technology development that will assist communities to participate in the civic process.

This is an opportunity for the disability community to ensure that the needs of persons with disabilities are considered and addressed.

- The Clerk's Office plans to develop a website that will allow participation in virtual town halls.
- Staff leading these initiatives will be invited to speak at the February MCPD meeting.
- Christine Calabrese, Acting City of Oakland BRT Manager, reported
 - There is an opportunity for participation in *Making Contact*, which produces radio shows similar to *This American Life* and *Democracy Now*; storytelling programs entwined with a social justice element. (These programs air on national public radio. Former commissioner Lateef McLeod had a successful fellowship with *This American Life*.)
 - It is anticipated that actual ground breaking for the BRT will be in the spring of 2015. AC Transit has determined that the entire corridor will be impacted by this project. Therefore, every intersection and crosswalk will need modernization. This means that thousands of curb ramps, traffic signals and new pedestrian amenities will be constructed.

B. Safety and Services Act Oversight Commission – Call for Commissioners, Sherri Rita reported that this commission is actively recruiting for commissioners.

C. California Foundation of Independent Living Centers v. City of Oakland Monitoring Report 7 (Emergency Preparedness); Sherri Rita reported that the City's work involved in settling this lawsuit has been completed. The associated capital improvements are finished; the Memorandum of Understanding, MOU between the Oakland Unified School District, OUSD regarding the use of OUSD facilities as primary, accessible shelter sites has been signed.

IX. Old Business

A. Follow-up on December 2014 Retreat. Sherri Rita reported on the need for a relationship between MCPD committees and City programs. Identified proposed quarterly goals for the 2015 quarters. (Please review Exhibit B.)

- MCPD discussed its next steps.
- The commission agreed to the quarterly framework and suggested activities/outcomes but asked that the leadership academy be provided in the first quarter.

Break 2:20-2:35 p.m.

X. New Business

A. Elections: Special Order of Business, Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2015: Moderated by Sherri Rita.

1. Chair

- First call for nominations. Commissioner Burns nominated Commissioner Beard for Chair. (Commissioner Jacobson seconded the nomination) Commissioner Beard accepted.
- Second call for nominations. Commissioner Wright nominated Commissioner Simmons. Commissioner Simmons declined.
- Third call for nominations. (None)

2. Brief comments by nominee

- Commissioner Beard thanked the commissioners for their continued faith in his ability to lead the commission and work on behalf of the City of Oakland.

3. Voice vote

Commissioner Beard received unanimous vote for his election as the 2015 MCPD Chairperson. No nays, no abstentions.

B. Vice-Chair

- First call for nominations:
 - Commissioner Jacobson nominated Commissioner Stevenson. Commissioner Stevenson declined.
 - Commissioner Burns nominated Commissioner Hernandez. Commissioner Hernandez accepted.
- Second call for nominations. Commissioner Jacobson nominated Commissioner Wright. Commissioner Wright accepted.
- Third call for nominations. Commissioner Beard nominated Commissioner Burns. Commissioner Burns declined.

1. Brief comments by nominees
 - Commissioner Wright motioned that Commissioner Hernandez and she run as co-Vice Chairs.
 - Motion accepted by consensus.
2. Voice vote
 - Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Wright were confirmed as co-vice-chairs for the MCPD by unanimous votes. No nays, no abstentions.

C. Speakers Series

- Mr. Stuart James, Executive Director, Center for Independent Living.
 - Mr. James is a seasoned marketing executive and events promoter. He is a first generation beneficiary of the ADA and Section 504. He started kindergarten in 1975 in a New York City public school. He went to college on an athletic scholarship and got a bachelors and master's degree in communications. His first job was for the Madison Square Garden network. Subsequently, he had many jobs and owned several small companies specializing in sports and event promotions.
- In 2009, in China he was a substitute speaker at disability conference for children. After this experience, he became a passionate advocate on behalf of the disabled.
- He wants CIL to reach beyond people's basic survival needs.
- Mr. James and the MCPD had a lively question and answer period.
- Center for Independent Living, CIL, 3075 Adeline, Street, Suite 100, Berkeley, (510) 841-4776. CIL provides services, support and advocacy to enhance the rights and abilities of people with disabilities to actively participate in their communities and to live self-determined lives.

XI. Meeting Evaluation

- Really happy with the election and the co-vice chair result.
- Mr. James, the speaker was thrilling and was glad that (I) attended the meeting.

- The speaker was great.

XII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- To be announced

XIII. Adjourned at 3:35 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.

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