



**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
**Monday, July 13, 2015**

**Minutes**

- I. Called to order at 1:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call:
  - Quorum: Yes
  - Please see Exhibit 1A
- III. Public Comments:
  - Kiera Swann and Tanya O'Melay, East Bay Innovations, EBI, described EBI's operations. Outlined their job programs which assist persons with developmental disabilities to obtain jobs/careers which may not be typically associated with people with disabilities. Provided case examples.
  - Eva Aguillard, retired commissioner, announced that United Seniors of Alameda County will hold its annual health fair in September 17, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Knowland Park, children are welcome.
    - Has enrolled in training with the Lions Blind Center; its staff told her that steps in public buildings should have its top and bottom step painted red, purportedly this is an ADA requirement.
  - Leslie Werosh, new executive director of the Cerebral Palsy Center of the Bay Area introduced herself.
  - Gabriel Rogin, of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, DD Council, introduced himself.
- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
  - Commissioner Burns announced that Mayor Libby Schaaf spoke at the Skyline High School graduation ceremony.
  - Commissioner Hurd announced that the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District yearly update speech will be given on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at the Linden Street Brewery, 95 Linden Street, Oakland.

- Commissioner Wright acknowledged the various street repairs that are including curb ramp installation.
- Commissioner Rosenblatt announced that Art & Soul will be held in downtown Oakland on August 1 and 2, 2015. The MCPD will host an information table if enough volunteers sign up. An email will be sent requesting volunteers.
  - Will also request volunteers for the MCPD's information table for the USOAC September 17, 2015 health faire.
- Commissioner Beard announced that the Housing Authority of Alameda County will open its Section 8 waiting list in August 2015.

V. Approval of Minutes

- No minutes, June 8, 2015 no quorum

VI. Chairperson's Report

- Commissioner Beard, Commissioner Wright and staff attended the celebration hosted by the Pacific ADA Center for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Mayor Schaaf read a proclamation and personally thanked staff and the commissioners for their work on behalf of disability rights within the City.
- Announced that this meeting will be his last meeting as chairperson and a commissioner; he is terming out September 2, 2015. Chairperson Beard personally thanked the commissioners for allowing him to lead the MCPD for the past three years.

VII. Report on the ADA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Planning, Commissioner Lorraine Rosenblatt reported:

- Various Bay Area independent living centers are sponsoring the Disability Unity Festival and parade that will be held in San Francisco on September 25, 2015.
- Distributed a MCPD brochure proposed for community outreach.

VIII. Staff Reports

A. ADA Programs Division Update; Sherri Rita, Acting ADA Projects Coordinator reported:

- The City's new budget maintains the \$250,000 funding for on-call minor ADA capital improvement projects.

- New budget also provides funding for Woodminster Phase II ADA renovations that will target the lower levels of the Woodminster Amphitheater.
- Finally, the new budget provides for an additional \$500,000 for the ADA Transition Plan update to allow for an updated inventory of all City resources, including right of way assets and buildings and facilities. It is anticipated that the associated City divisions may contribute additional funds to expand the scope of the inventory to go beyond ADA barrier removal tracking.

A. Bus Rapid Transit Project Update, Christine Calabrese, Project Manager II, ADA Programs Division Manager, Oakland Public Works reported:

- Expressed her appreciation for the outgoing commissioners that really displayed their “pluck” in promoting accessibility; independent living and re-directing the City goals towards full inclusion of disability populations in every aspect of civic life.
- With the passage of Measure BB, Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled, OPED, has had its funding doubled. This will result in additional taxi vouchers and other increased services for qualified constituents. Ms. Calabrese urged the commission to join forces with Human Services Division, HSD to get the word out about OPED’s increased capacity.
- The BRT Major Roadway Construction 100% design phase documents will be presented in September 2015. This will be the final opportunity for the joint Access and Functional Needs Committee to comment during the design phase.
- Ms. Calabrese outlined City projects funded in association with the AC Transit BRT Project.
  - The FY 2015-17 City ADA Curb Ramp Transition Plan Project will focus its corridor infill component on constructing 252 curb ramps along the BRT corridor, at an approximate cost of \$1.3 million.
  - A \$2.48 million grant for International Boulevard pedestrian lighting survey, lighting improvements, and repair of sidewalk damage caused by city street trees.
  - The SAHA housing development at 23rd & International will bring in \$726,000 in transit related improvements that will increase pedestrian accessibility along that stretch of the BRT corridor.

IX. Old Business

A. MCPD Ordinance Discussion and Recruitment Efforts; Sherri Rita, Acting ADA Projects Coordinator and Peggy Moore, Senior Advisor to Mayor Schaaf reported:

- Ms. Moore explained that the Mayor's office has examined all the city's commissions. A major concern is the lack of attendance or quorum.
- The proposed ordinance amendment would reduce membership from 15 to 11 members, would reduce quorum from 8 to 6 members, and would allow for the commission to meet every other month at a minimum, rather than monthly.
- In addition to these proposed ordinance amendments, the Mayor's office suggests changing the meeting time from the afternoon to the early evening to increase attendance.
- Commissioners agreed to membership, quorum, and meeting time change but reserved for further discussion question of meeting frequency.
- Commissioners asked Ms. Moore about the appointment process for new commissioners.
- Ms. Moore emphasized the mayor's commitment to maintain the effectiveness of the MCPD as a result of these changes.

B. Date change reminder for September MCPD meeting, September 21, 2015. Time to be determined.

X. New Business

A. Speakers Series:

*Kara Oettinger, Executive Officer, and Sheilagh Andujar, Representative, Program for Exceptional Children Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), did not appear to speak on OUSD's response to a recent California Department of Education complaint regarding its special education services brought by Disability Rights California (DRC). However, DRC attorney Maggie Roberts was in the audience and provided an overview of DRC's administrative complaint.*

XI. Meeting Evaluation

- Good

- XII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
- 100% Design Review for the BRT Project

XIII. Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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NOTE: THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM  
ON THE AGENDA

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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.