



CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, December 14, 2015

Minutes

- I. Call to order at 4:40 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - Quorum: Yes
 - See Exhibit AI
- III. Public Comments
 - David Lyons and Christina Di Bella, representatives of ACCE Riders for Transit Justice, discussed the City of Oakland's removal of a bus stop located on Broadway and 30th Street in front of the Summit Bank.
 - The elimination of this particular stop produces over a 5 block gap between bus stops on Broadway. This imposes a hardship on a majority of transit riders for this area; many who are elderly, frail and/or disabled.
 - Motion: That this issue will be on the January 2016 agenda for additional discussion/action.
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Bernstein/Commissioner Harrington
 - Motion passed. (See Exhibit B).
- IV. Interim Chair Report. Commissioner Gregory reporting:
 - In the spring of 2015, the City's Human Resources Management Department conducted a demographic survey of City employees.
 - Center for Independent Living, CIL reviewed the initial results and requested that the survey include employees with disabilities. Subsequently, CIL met with the Director of Human Resources Management, Anil Comelo, who agreed to work with CIL to disseminate a new survey seeking disability demographics. The results presented in December 2015 indicated that 16% of survey respondents identified themselves as a person with a disability.

- IV. Commissioner Announcements
- Commissioner Zisser informed the commission about amendments to the local zoning ordinance that will facilitate the creation of additional supported housing.
- V. Approval of Minutes
- November 16, 2015
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Harrington/Commissioner Bernstein
 - Motion approved
- VI. Agenda Modification and Approval
- December 14, 2015
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Bernstein/Commissioner Van Docto
- VII. Retreat Facilitator Strategic Planning Framing Remarks; Marilyn Golden, Senior Policy Analyst, Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF), introduced herself.
- Prior to working with DREDF she directed Access California, Oakland's early disability rights program, for 8 years. Now she works nationally to advance disability civil rights.
- VIII. ADA Programs Manager Framing Remarks. Ms. Calabrese, Project Manager II, Oakland Public Works I outlined the City's ADA Program history.
- Emphasized the strong support which the City has demonstrated over the years with its consistent funding of ADA accessibility projects (despite economic downturns).
 - Discussed the citywide responsibilities of the ADA Programs Division.
- A. MCPD Mission and Mandates
- Commissioner Gregory outlined MCPD's responsibilities as set forth in its enabling ordinance.
- B. Mayor and Council Fiscal Year 2015-17 Goals
- Peggy Moore, the Mayor's Special Advisor, provided an overview of the Mayor's priorities and specific strategic initiatives

- Ms. Moore stated that the Mayor will conduct a joint meeting for the City's boards and commissions' leaders; in which she will outline the how each (board and commission) may support the City's strategic initiatives.

C. ADA Programs Division Mission and Major Projects

- Ms. Calabrese outlined and discussed the division's current projects, a couple are:
 - The creation of a new city wide access policy and transition plan, and
 - A new inventory of the public right of way, and buildings and facilities to assist with identification of existing barriers to accessibility.
- The MCPD is asked to continue its role in providing guidance on these and other ADA Programs Division projects.

IX. Strategic Plan for FY 2015-2017; Marilyn Golden and Thomas Gregory facilitated:

A. Strategic Plan Framework, Definitions & Development

- Commissioners reviewed and discussed their priorities for the MCPD.
- The commission generated several areas of interest that will format the MCPD's committee structure.
- Produced guiding principles for the priorities and activities of the MCPD. The premise will be basic community integration and focus on all disabilities and ages.
- A team of commissioners (Gregory, Hong, and Zisser) volunteered to review the commission's comments and present a proposal in January.

B. Committee Structure

- To be finalized at January 2016 meeting.

C. Meeting Frequency & Schedule

- To be discussed at January 2016 meeting.

D. Assignments & Agreements

- To be made at January 2016 meeting.

E. Staff Reports

- Once established, each committee will be responsible for identifying what staff reports it wishes to receive and when.

X. New Business

A. Preparation for January 2016 Officer Elections

- Commissioner Gregory reminded the commission that elections for officers will be held during the January 2016 meeting. He will be seeking election as chairperson.

B. Murphy Bill

- Commissioner Gregory provided an overview of the provisions of this pending bill, also known as the “Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act,” which appears to make changes to access to mental health services, the rights of persons with mental health diagnoses, and enforcement of those rights, particularly with respect to persons residing in institutions.
- The MCPD moved to continue the discussion of this bill to the January 2016 meeting.

XI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (not exhaustive)

- Summit Bank Bus Stop Elimination
- Strategic Plan Retreat Follow Up
- Officer Elections
- Murphy Bill

XV. Adjournment

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 4:45 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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