



**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
**February 22, 2016**

**MINUTES**

- I. Called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call:
  - Quorum: Yes
  - See Exhibit A1
- III. Public Comments: None
- IV. Commissioner Announcements
  - Commissioner Zisser: Provided an update regarding recent amendments to the City's planning and zoning code to increase the availability of supported housing and noted how this development could serve as a platform for discussing the implications of the Murphy Bill with local stakeholders.
  - Commissioner Bernstein: Reported that the Bay Area Disability Alliance, a group made up of representatives of local disability boards and commissions to improve coordination among these bodies, invited the MCPD to participate. Meetings are held Wednesday afternoons at San Francisco City Hall.
- V. Chair Report: Chair Gregory and Stuart James, Executive Director of the Center for Independent Living, attended the January 26, 2016 City Council's Public Works Committee meeting. Both emphasized the importance of maintaining the effectiveness of the ADA Programs Division within the City of Oakland regardless of the ultimate reorganization pursuant to the establishment of the proposed, new Department of Transportation
- VI. ADA Programs Manager Report. Christine Calabrese reported:
  - The City has begun its update of its ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

- This project involves the reinvigoration of the Departmental Access Coordinator Network, a survey of all City programs, and the creation of an updated City Access Policy.
- The project will also be reassessing City buildings, parks and recreation facilities, and the right of way to create an updated inventory of access barriers and establishing priorities for barrier removal, all of which will be set forth in updated ADA Buildings and Facilities and Transportation Access Transition Plans.

## VII. Approval of Minutes

- Motion/Second: Commissioner Bernstein/Commissioner Harrington.
- Motion passed without objection.

## VIII. Agenda approval and/or modification

- Motion/Second: Commissioner Harrington/Commissioner Bernstein.
- Motion passed without objection.

## IX. New Business

### A. Uber and Community Benefit Agreement Status; Brian Harrington reported:

- There are a few pilot programs in the larger cities in which Uber is trying to address the availability of wheelchair-accessible vehicles, and some driver training initiatives. Suggested that further research be conducted into what initiatives Uber may be bringing to Oakland and continuing to monitor developments as Uber gets closer to relocating its headquarters to Oakland.
- Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Division Manager, suggested that the City's taxi and paratransit programs be brought into the discussion of how to integrate Uber and similar transportation network companies (TNCs) into the transportation alternatives available to persons with disabilities in Oakland.
- Commissioner Zisser suggested reaching out to local attorneys who are involved in advocacy/litigation around TNCs and accessibility for more information regarding current efforts to make TNCs more accessible and what a body like MCPD may be able to do with Uber coming to Oakland.

- No motion for specific action made at this time.

B. Oakland Unified School District Special Education Settlement Monitoring;

- Commissioner Gregory summarized the January presentation by Disability Rights California regarding its class compliance complaint with the California Department of Education (CDE) regarding OUSD's delivery of special education and related services, and efforts to date to obtain OUSD's plan for compliance with OUSD's findings of violations. He proposed that the MCPD communicate with David Silver, the Mayor's Director of Education, to introduce Mr. Silver to the MCPD, to seek his assistance in obtaining OUSD representation on the MCPD, and to alert him to the pendency of OUSD's publication of its action plan in response to CDE's findings.
- Commissioner Bernstein proposed that available commissioners attend the City Council's Education Partnership Committee meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. to request the release of the OUSD plan for compliance.
- Motion: That the Commissioner van Docto and Commissioner Gregory will reach out to Mr. Silver and that Commissioner van Docto will represent MCPD at the Thursday February 26, 2016 meeting to request information about OUSD's compliance and to introduce the MCPD to the Committee.
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Van Docto/Commissioner Bernstein. Motion passed without objection.

C. Dimond Park Site Visit Report Back; Elise Bernstein reported.

- See Exhibit A2.
- City Council Public Works Committee approved Councilmember Campbell-Washington's amendment to the Park Prioritization list to include Dimond Park just prior to Commissioner Bernstein's site visit with constituents.
- Motion: Draft a letter of appreciation to Councilmember Campbell-Washington for the prioritization of Dimond Park.
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Zisser and Commissioner Bernstein. Motion passed without objection.

X. Old Business

A. Committee/Subcommittee Structure, Assignments & Scheduling;  
 Thomas Gregory, Chair facilitated commissioners’ committee and  
 subcommittee appointments:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Subcommittee</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Community Safety</b>		Aaron Zisser
		Elise Bernstein
	<b>Policing</b>	<i>Aaron Zisser</i>
		<i>Thomas Gregory</i>
	<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	<i>Elise Bernstein</i>
<b>Infrastructure</b>		Elise Bernstein
		Brian Harrington
		Jian Hong
	<b>Transportation &amp; Transition Plan</b>	<i>Elise Bernstein</i>
		<i>Jian Hong</i>
	<b>Technology</b>	<i>Caleb van Docto</i>
		<i>Brian Harrington</i>
<b>Socio-Economic Development</b>		Caleb van Docto
		Thomas Gregory
		Aaron Zisser
	<b>Housing</b>	<i>Caleb van Docto</i>
		<i>Aaron Zisser</i>
	<b>Education &amp; Employment</b>	<i>Caleb van Docto</i>
		<i>Thomas Gregory</i>

- Action items will be submitted by committees to the general commission.
- The scheduling for the full MCPD and its committees will be discussed at the March meeting.

B. Murphy Bill; Thomas Gregory and Aaron Zisser

- Commissioner Zisser reported that there will be little or no action on this bill during 2016.
- Recommends that in the meantime, MCPD continue to work to build a strong coalition and find ways to educate people regarding the implications of this bill, including how the

availability of increased supportive housing can mitigate the perceived need for some of the Bill's provisions.

C. Bus Stop Elimination at 2969 Broadway; Commissioners Jian Hong, Brian Harrington, Elise Bernstein

- This item tabled to the next meeting.

XI. Items for Next Full Commission Agenda

XI. Adjourned at 7:40 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. 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 10 minutes and each individual speaker is limited to 5 minutes. If more than 2 public speakers register, however, then each speaker will be limited accordingly. Exceptions to these rules may be granted at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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