



CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
March 21, 2016

MINUTES

- I. Called to order at 5:35 p.m.
- II. Roll Call:
 - Quorum: Yes
 - See Exhibit A1
- III. Public Comments
 - None
- IV. Commissioner Announcements
 - Co-Vice Chair Bernstein reminded commissioners regarding the invitation to MCPD to join the Bay Area Disability Alliance (BADA)
 - Chair Gregory stated that Co-Vice Chair Zisser attended the March 9th BADA meeting and the Chair, Chip Supanich, was absent and recently announced that he was stepping down, leaving BADA with no leadership.
 - Chair Gregory stated he was skeptical of the current viability of the group
 - Commissioner Bernstein reminded the group that there are four vacancies on MCPD and requests that the Mayor's Office take action to fill them.
- V. Chair Report:
 - Chair Gregory announced that he reached out to Mr. David Silver, Education Director in the Mayor's Office. Mr. Gregory informed Mr. Silver about MCPD's interest in having Oakland Unified School District Representation on the MCPD as it has enjoyed for the past several years, and asked for Mr. Silver's assistance in recruiting an OUSD representative to serve on the Commission

- Chair Gregory reminded commissioners about their responsibility to complete the Form 700 within the specified time or face penalties.
- Chair Gregory asks that committees be responsible for reviewing and approving proposals before they are presented to the full Commission, and that the form developed for this use be used and signed off on by committee chairs as indicated (see Exhibit B).

VI. ADA Programs Division Update; Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Division Manager reported:

A. Council has made an annual appropriation for ADA Transition Plan Implementation activities since 1997. Since the Great Recession hit, the ADA buildings and facilities allocation has been reduced to a consistent \$252,000 a year.

B. These funds have been programmed in consultation with the MCPD for specific ADA improvements or to enhance accessibility in other scheduled projects, and progress reports on these MCPD authorized projects are the subject of an annual report from the ADA Programs Division.

C. In addition to funding specific ADA improvement projects or supplementing other city projects, an amount of this annual funding is always held in contingency to allow for responding to complaints and for emergency repairs.

D. Because the Transition Plan is now outdated, the focus of the ADA Capital Improvement Program in FY 2015-2017 is on its update, and responding to complaints, as follows:

- The Woodminster Amphitheater Phase II ADA Improvements Project is mandated pursuant to a recent lawsuit settlement (*White v. Oakland*). Council appropriated \$1 million for this project in FY 2015-17, over and above the annual \$252,000 allocation, which will primarily improve access in the lower area of the amphitheater and must be completed no later than December of 2018.
- Council also appropriated \$500,000 in the FY 2015-2017 budget, over and above the annual \$252,000 allocation, to support the ADA Transition Plan Update Project, which will result in a total physical inventory of streets and facilities, prioritization, and timeline for barrier removal. The overall cost of the

Transition Plan update is estimated to cost closer to \$1 million, so the annual \$252,000 that has been traditionally allocated for Transition Plan implementation projects will be able to supplement the \$500,000 in seed funding to allow for a fully revamped Transition Plan and asset inventory that will then serve as the basis for prioritizing future ADA capital improvement projects.

VII. Approval of Minutes

- Motion: Approve the minutes for the February 22, 2016 MCPD meeting.
- Motion/Second: Co-Vice Chair Bernstein/Commissioner Harrington
- Motion approved without objection.

VIII. Agenda approval and/or modification

- Staff requested modification of the agenda to add an item regarding the MCPD considering hosting a special community meeting to obtain public feedback for the ADA Self-Evaluation Update.
- Motion/Second: Chair Gregory/Commissioner van Docto
- Motion approved without objection.
- Motion: That the MCPD host the ADA Transition Update public meeting on March 31, 2016.
- Motion/Second: Chair Gregory/Commissioner Harrington
- Motion passed without objection.

IX. New Business

- A. Roles and Responsibilities of MCPD Chair, its Members and Committees, the ADA Programs Division, and Relationship to Mayor and City Council. Thomas Gregory, Chair facilitated.
- Chair Gregory used the recent experience with the MCPD's response to the Dimond Park constituency's ADA-related complaints to the Commission to explain how the MCPD can

be more effective in its role as an advisory body and how to make better use of staff expertise.

- Commissioners and staff discussed the difference between being complaint-driven versus the MCPD being involved in the existing objective and public processes for influencing the prioritization of the city's capital improvement projects.
- Commissioner Harrington asked that the MCPD engage in the existing mechanisms for prioritizing capital improvements rather than being complaint-driven.
- Commissioner van Docto observed that the committee structure should improve the MCPD's processes, and that the takeaway is that ADA Programs Division staff should be consulted early on for any relevant information or background before taking action.

B. Committee Assignments, Chair appointments, Meeting Frequency; Thomas Gregory, Chair reported.

- Committees will be responsible for determining the subjects that will be on the full commission's agenda.
 - Staff reminded the commission that all committees are ad hoc for the time being.

C. MCPD Full Commission and Committee Meeting Frequency, Staff Reports, and Schedule; (*Items C and D on the original agenda were combined for discussion*)

- Staff suggested a mid-year full commission staff retreat that includes receiving staff reports from the Departmental Access Coordinators, on the past fiscal year's accomplishments.
- Chair Gregory suggested that the vote be tabled until the meeting in April 2016, to further consider the following suggestions:
 - MCPD bimonthly (every other month) meetings
 - Option of interim meetings as needed
 - Committees/subcommittees to meet as needed
 - Annual Staff Report Retreat in September
- Motion: Table the vote on meeting frequency, staff reporting, and committee meeting frequency and chair appointments until April 18, 2016.
- Motion/Second: Chair Gregory/Commissioner Harrington.
- Motion passed without objection.

X. Items for Next Full Commission Agenda:

- Status of Infrastructure Bond
- Status of Bus Stop Replacement at 2969 Broadway
- Finalize Meeting and Staff Reporting Schedule
- ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update

XI. Adjourned at 7:40 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. 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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