



CITY OF OAKLAND

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)

June 20, 2016

Minutes

- I. Called to order at 5:35 p.m.
- II. Roll Call:
 - Quorum: Yes
 - See Exhibit A. 1
- III. Public Comments
 - None
- IV. Commissioner Announcements
 - Commissioner Zisser: Contacted Officer Doria Neff, who is in charge of crisis intervention training for the Oakland Police Department, OPD, and Mr. Anthony Finnell, Executive Director of the Citizens Police Board, CPRB. Will provide an update to MCPD once he has scheduled a meeting with each to discuss their respective activities that are focused on improving police interactions with persons with disabilities.
 - Commissioner Harrington: Has identified potential new members for an ad hoc infrastructure committee; led review of infrastructure bond language for November ballot and is comfortable with how it addresses and prioritizes accessibility improvements.
 - Commissioner Van Docto: introduced Tia Radcliffe, public attendee, as a potential member of an ad hoc

technology committee. Ms. Radcliffe has been working in accessibility technology for 7 years, and currently works at the Albany Orientation Center. She looks forward to collaborating with the MCPD to advance accessible technology initiatives in the City. Also reported on tabling of federal Community Development Block Grant defunding proposal in the Senate that would have affected fair housing affirmative action requirements, and expressed interest in exploring to what extent recent Oakland Fund for Children and Youth funding decisions are supporting programs for children and youth with disabilities.

V. Chair Report, Thomas Gregory reported:

- Interviewed three commissioner candidates to date and all recommended to Mayor for appointment. After providing a brief description of the three candidates, suggested that the remaining, fourth vacancy should be filled by a representative of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing community.
- Pursuant to MCPD commissioner request, staff identified a volunteer graphic designer who can assist in creating MCPD outreach materials.

VI. Approval of Minutes

- Motion/Second: Commissioner Gregory/Commissioner Harrington
- Minutes approved without correction

VII. Agenda Approval and/or Modification

- Item XI.C. to be moved up on agenda (this item was incorrectly numbered in the agenda and has been corrected in these minutes as IX.C., below).
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Gregory/Commissioner Harrington
- Agenda modified

VIII. New Business

- A. Public Ethics Presentation. Jelani Killings, Program Analyst, Public Ethics Commission, PEC. Mr. Killings described the role of the PEC within the City government. A video was shown discussing the ethical responsibilities under state and local laws of persons that serve on commissions or in elected office.
- B. Status of City of Oakland's Access Improvement Program and Related Programs for Funding Home Modifications for Residents with Disabilities; Rodolfo Duenas and Loyd Ware, Residential Lending Services, Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) presented on the status of the City's home modification programs **(Exhibit B)**:
- HCD is responsible for the administration of various City home rehabilitation programs.
 - Since 2007, funding has steadily decreased (Community Development Block Grant) with no corresponding decrease in demand.
 - Last year (Fiscal Year 2015-2016) was the first year HCD ran out of funding for these programs.
 - New applicants are placed on a waitlist and will be served based on priority once additional funding secured. First priority will be for life safety and disability access modifications.
 - Other municipalities have ceased their home modification programs.
 - HCD conducting a study to determine just how much General Fund is generated by their homeowner and tenant improvement programs. Currently no GF is allocated to support these programs.
 - Commissioner Harrington asked that MCPD be given the opportunity to review the findings of the study when completed, and that staff notify the MCPD in advance of any proposals to Council and be given the opportunity to review.

- Commissioner Zisser recommends ongoing monitoring of these programs via a MCPD subcommittee.

IX. ADA Programs Division Update; Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Manager reported on the following:

- A. Infrastructure Bond Measure Update. The bond measure framework provides for ADA implementation but additional language might be needed to ensure the proceeds from the bond are used to prioritize and or accelerate disability access compliance programs.
- B. Department of Transportation (DOT) Status. The interim director, Jeff Tumlin, will start in July 2016. His office will be in 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza on the 4th floor. See **Exhibit C** for the DOT Press Release distributed with the June 2016 agenda packet.

Go here to read Jeff Tumlin's bio:

<http://nelsonnygaard.com/staff/jeffrey-tumlin/>

- C. Fiscal Year ADA Capital Improvement Program Status and ADA Tot Lot Improvement Project Proposal: Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Manager reported.
 - Described the current year's ADA capital improvement projects and on-call minor ADA capital improvement program status.
 - Explained that the ADA Transition Plan Update initiated in Fiscal Year 2015-16 consists of two phases for both the public right of way and for City buildings and facilities. Phase I involves a gap analysis to analyze existing data, barrier removal activities to date, and workflows. Phase II involves the implementation of recommendations from Phase I, including the collection of updated asset data, for the development of updated ADA Transportation and Buildings and Facilities Transition Plans, respectively. The Phase I public right of way/transportation gap analysis and report on recommendations is almost complete.
 - A more detailed report on the status of the ADA Transition Plan Update project status will be provided

at the next MCPD meeting.

- The Woodminster Phase II project is the implementation of the injunctive relief ordered in settlement of the White v. City of Oakland (Woodminster Amphitheater ADA access) case. This project will bring specified accessibility improvements to the lower level of the amphitheater and is due for completion in 2018.
- The On-Call Minor ADA Capital Improvement Program funds are used to respond to complaints, specific requests from individuals with disabilities, and to fund as-needed minor capital improvements to enhance program access. These funds are not used to support baseline, minimum compliance in City capital projects.
 - For example, this program funded the creation of a sensory garden as part of a Measure WW project at Lake Merritt.
 - In prior years, the ADA Capital Improvement Program supported the upgrading of play surfaces at various tot lots citywide beyond minimum ADA play surfacing standards.
 - In light of recent requests from the community to contribute to improvements at the Astro tot lot, and with many lots still in need of upgrading, ADA Programs Division proposes reestablishing and expanding the ADA Tot Lot Capital Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2016-17 to also include additional accessible play feature upgrades.
 - Such a program would be subject to a prioritization scheme as there are more than 100 tot lots citywide.
 - Public comments were made in support of ADA Programs Division providing the remaining funding required for initiating construction on the community-led and Kaboom supported Astro tot lot project.
 - Discussion between staff and commissioners suggested

the following considerations for establishing tot lot prioritization under the FY 2016-17 ADA Tot Lot Capital Improvement Project: number of school-aged children in neighborhood in special education or receiving disability-related services; proximity of disability-related service providers; and neighborhood socioeconomic data.

- Ms. Calabrese sought motion to approve 1) the proposed revamped Tot Lot Program, and 2) further study of tot lot needs, citywide, including the Astro tot lot.
 - Chair Gregory commented that the MCPD could not take a position on the tot lot prioritization at this time
 - Commissioner Harrington clarified for the public that the MCPD's role is not to decide the scope of any individual project, but to offer recommendations for prioritization to staff to consider. Commissioner Harrington further recognized that opportunities to collaborate on community-driven projects should be taken, when supported by an equity analysis.
 - Chair Gregory stated that an equity and opportunity framework should be used for project prioritization with a justification and analysis by staff supporting the proposed prioritization.
 - Motion: To approve the staff recommendation to allocate the entire FY 2016-17 On-Call ADA Capital Improvement Project budget of \$252,000 for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 ADA Tot Lot Capital Improvement Project, and direct staff to return with a tot lot prioritization program and recommendations.
 - Chief of Staff for Councilmember Abel Guillen Richard Raya stated support for the proposed staff tot lot prioritization process. He also stated that community partner Kaboom wishes to begin construction in November.
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Harrington/ Commissioner Zisser. Motion approved without objection.

- D. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Project Update (see item IX.C., above)
 - E. Video Remote Interpreting, VRI, Initiative; Sherri Rita, ADA Programmatic Access Coordinator; tabled.
- X. Old Business
- A. Process for Submitting Action Items to Full Commission; Thomas Gregory; reminder to use previously circulated form for submission of action items (**Exhibit D**).
 - B. Next Full Commission Meeting & Schedule for Remainder of 2016: August 15, 2016 next meeting; schedule for remainder of 2016 attached as (**Exhibit E**).
- XI. Adjourned at 7:34 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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