

Maui County Commission on Persons with Disabilities

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 17, 2009
Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room
11 Mahaolu Place, Kahului

- I. Commissioners Present:** Andrew Valentine
Charlotte Seales
John Briley, MD
Linda Liddell
Marguerite Rowland
Karen Hue-Sing Ledesma (arrived 1:30 p.m.)
- Excused** Feliciano Sales
- Others Present** Mary Matsukawa, State Developmental Disabilities Council; Elsie Santos, prospective commissioner
Jim Oster, County Department of Transportation
- II. Quorum was established**
Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Valentine at 1:10 p.m.
- III. INTRODUCTIONS** – meeting attendees introduced themselves
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 8, 2009**
Commissioner Briley **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Charlotte Seales **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**
- V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY** – no testimony was presented
- VI. NEW BUSINESS Bus Stop Plan**
County Department of Transportation engineer Jim Oster gave a 15-minute presentation on the County's plan to build nine sheltered bus stops to the County's 53 existing bus stops. Plans include with solar light systems, seats with backs instead of benches, enlisting community partners to collect trash and recycling to save more than \$1,000 each per year. Kaahumanu Center stop brings 1,200 people to the Center daily. Construction will begin in early 2010. Maui County bus stops are listed online at GOOGLE TRANSIT to save costs for printed bus stop schedules. Design consultant Ron Fukumoto Engineering will conduct hearings to solicit public input. Mary Matsukawa requested DOT include Commission on Persons with Disabilities when making decisions pertaining and she commended DOT for posting the bus stop plan on the County website. Vice Chair Valentine requested proper signage for visually impaired persons.

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VII. REPORTS

A. ADA Coordinator

DJ Schwind was unable to attend the meeting. See attached State Independent Living Council board membership application

B. State Council/Developmental Disabilities

Mary Matsukawa announced that the State Council is holding A Day at the Capitol on March 18. Three hundred people are expected to participate and talk to lawmakers about disability issues.

She reported that Disability and Communication Access Board's new staff William Nakamatsu produced three videos will replace handouts and be posted to DCAB's website:

- Accessible Parking Stall Design
- Applying for a permit, eligibility criteria
- Responsibility and privileges of Permit Holders

She suggested requesting Mr. Nakamatsu give a presentation to the Commission next month. Mary also reported that DCAB cross references obituaries with placard holders annually and issues a letter to families with a self addressed stamped envelop requesting the placards be returned. 25-50 mailed out each week.

C. Inclusion Specialist

Tara Sabado was unable to attend the meeting due to her child's illness. She forwarded the attached flyers on Wheelie Tennis and Wheelie Basketball.

Wheelie Tennis link: <http://www.mauicounty.gov/CurrentEvents.asp?EID=813>

Wheelie Basketball link: <http://www.mauicounty.gov/CurrentEvents.asp?EID=774>

D. Transportation - deferred

E. Molokai – see Unfinished Business below, Item 1

F. Volunteer Parking Enforcement Program

Commissioner Rowland advises giving up on the volunteer program as it is not working on Oahu or on Maui. Commissioner Hue Sing Ledesma wants to see a Click It or Ticket type program. Mary said the statewide Click It or Ticket program was funded by tobacco money. Commissioner Briley said Maui Mall placed a sticker on his windshield when he forgot his placard, and it was hard to get off, but this shows enforcement is going on.

G: Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Hue Sing Ledesma reported on upcoming events: Whale Day at Kalama Park from 9 a.m., to 4 p.m., Sat. Feb 21.

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VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review Commissioner Liddell's letter to the Mayor. Jan to type letter describing issue and recommending solution to after-hours transportation from hospitals for all people with revisions. Mr. Valentine to sign. Commissioner Briley **MOVED**. Commissioner Rowland **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Review Commissioners Rowland & Briley letter physicians
Commissioners requested that an October 17 letter to DCAB on accessible parking be sent if it has not already gone out. The Commission decided the physicians letter should be revised, addressed to the Mayor rather than the Maui County Medical Association. The letter will be edited by Jan, with Commissioner Rowland to approve final draft, and Vice Chair Valentine to sign. Commissioner Liddell **MOVED**. Commissioner Rowland **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. PSA on Accessible Parking

Commissioner Briley to research PSAs with DCAB, and work with Jan to draft a letter to Mayor for her consideration.

4. Representative to attend Disability Alliance Forum planning sessions

Vice Chair Valentine appointed John Briley and Karen Hue Sing Ledesma to represent the Commission at planning sessions for the 14th Annual Disability Alliance Forum in October. Planning sessions are monthly at Cameron Center, May through October.

5. Invite Mayor to attend a future meeting; discuss issues

Commissioners decided to request the mayor via letter to attend a meeting at her convenience and to discuss the following issues and solutions:

1. What Mayor expects from her Commission
2. Request investigation into permit delays for Molokai Veterans Disability Center
3. Discuss plans for an Aging Disability Resource Center

Vice Chair Valentine and Jan to draft letter. Commissioner Rowland **MOVED**; Commissioner Briley **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. 2009 meeting schedule and new venue - Commissioners decided upon 1:30-3 p.m., each second Tuesday monthly at Hale Mahaolu Elima.

IX. AGENDA SETTING

1. Invite DCAB representative to show his videos
2. Election of Officers
3. Packets for new members
4. Recognition of outgoing commissioners

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X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Outgoing Chair DeLima's last meeting is March 10, 2009. Members wished her a fond farewell and thanked her for her years of service.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.