

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

1:30 p.m., Thu., Aug. 13, 2009
Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room
11 Mahaolu Place, Kahului

I. QUORUM

Commissioners Present: John Briley, III, M.D.; Karen Hue Sing; Linda Liddell; Marguerite Rowland; Feliciano Sales; Elsie Santos; Tracy Souza; Andrew Valentine.

Commissions Excused: Charlotte Seales

Administration present: ADA Coordinator Denny Schwind; Inclusion Specialist Tara Sabado. Commission Staff Jan Roberson

Guests Present: Charlotte Smith; Mary Matsukawa; Kim Pfirrmann; Ed Muegge; Elaine Ota; Aide Brian Zoeller

CALL TO ORDER – the meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. and introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 9, 2009 – Commissioner Briley MOVED to approve the minutes; Commissioner Hue Sing SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - none

IV. REPORTS

A. ADA Coordinator –

- Denny Schwind presented four 30-second Public Service Announcements on Handicapped Parking he received from the Disability Communication Access Board.

- The ADA Coordinator updated the Commission on Project Civic Access. He received an email from the Department of Justice requesting an interim status report, which he will prepare and share with the Commission at the September 10 meeting.
- He said DOJ might schedule a field trip this coming winter but he does not see this as cost effective.
- He said the County is in the process of complying with the DOJ directives, including renovations to the 4th and 9th Floors of the County Building.
- The ADA Coordinator also reported that Kapalua Beach no longer has a public access-way. There are accessible stalls, but the access to the beach has steps. But since Kapalua is privately owned, and there is no check-in or check-out counter, the appropriate avenue for complaint is Fair Housing rather than ADA.

B. Aging Disabilities Resource Center – no report

C. Inclusion Specialist Tara Sabado –

- 18 people filled up the Adaptive Kayaking Program
 - Plan to hold it 4 X per year
 - Ron Bass Instructor
- Wheelie Tennis and Wheelie Basketball is ongoing
 - Saturdays (adult mix) and Sundays (kids)
- Hoyer lift training is needed
 - Hoyer lifts are placed at War Memorial Pool, Lahaina, Kihei, and Pukalani aquatic centers
 - Pukalani Pool has a ramp
 - Parks is considering taking beach access chair to Pukalani pool

D. Molokai – no report

E. Parks and Recreation –

- It was suggested to combine the Parks and Recreation report with Parks Inclusion Specialist report.

F. State Council on Developmental Disabilities -

- Mary Matsukawa presented three 3-minute Public Service Announcements received from DCAB – How to Design an Accessible Parking Stall; How to apply for an accessible parking permit; and the Rights and Responsibilities of Handicapped Parking Permit Holder.
- Mary distributed a hand out with a plan for accessible parking public awareness campaign for radio, AKAKU, print media and police training.
- Mary has reserved column space in Maui News for December's Na Moku Ola column. She will write about accessible parking.
- She suggested Commission staff keep parking rules up to date and bring to meetings for easy referral.
- Mary reported that SB 718, SD1, HD1 (Act 54) Relating to Transportation was passed at the recent state legislature. Also known as the Complete Street Act, it requires DOT and County to provide access for all users of public highways, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, and persons of all abilities. It also establishes a temporary task force to review certain highway design standards and guidelines.

G. Transportation –

- Commission Chair Valentine reported that he spoke to Director of Transportation Don Medeiros who stated he had not received any complaints about lack of tie downs or anything else. He suggested the Commission submit a list of concerns. He said a

complaint system is required but one is not in place at this time.

- Commission Chair also reported that he spoke to Myles Inokuma of Roberts Hawaii who stated that all drivers are trained to tie down wheel chairs
- He also reported that more materials are coming from Easter Seals

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- October 22, 2009 Legislative Forum
 - Mary Matsukawa reported that all event co-sponsors will be asked to contribute dessert for 12 people. She will send a letter to co-sponsors, including the Commission.
 - Bentos will be served.
 - 130 people are expected to attend. She hopes the event can grow to 500 over time.
 - Next event planning meeting is Wed. Aug 19 from 12-1:30 p.m. at the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Hawaii State Building. All Commissioners are welcome to attend.
 - Ms. Matsukawa requested the Commission have an info table on accessible parking at the event. Commissioner Hue Sing and Commission Chair Valentine volunteered to staff the info table.
 - The event agenda will be:
 - Resource Fair 4-5 p.m.
 - Legislative Forum 5-7 p.m.
 - Bentos and Desserts 7-8 p.m.
- One Main Plaza –Street Parking Stall Conversions
 - Mary thinks that according to ADAAG, for a building with:
 - 1-25 parking there should be 1 Van accessible parking space

- 26 - 50 parking spaces there should be a 1 van accessible with access aisle and one standard parking with access aisle.
- 51 to 75 parking spaces parking area there should 2 standard spaces with access aisle and on van accessible with an access aisle.
- Currently, for One Main Plaza, there is only one Van accessible space with access aisle on the Vineyard street side of the building. There should be more based on the number of parking spaces in the building's covered parking.
- Mary stated that One Main Plaza is required to have three accessible parking stalls.
- Commissioner Rowland stated the matter was brought up before the County offices moved to OMP.
- Commission Rowland stated the Commission had written letters to the Mayor a number of times and never received a response.
- Commission Chair Valentine said the street should be modified to have more accessible parking
- ADA Coordinator Schwind said there are several problems with that idea, including the parking is on the opposite side of the street, the street is too narrow, etc.
- Commissioner Rowland agreed to work with Mary on accessible parking issues.
- Mary Matsukawa distributed a draft letter addressed to ADA Coordinator. Commissioner Hue Sing MOVED to approve the letter; Commissioner Souza SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Compose letters of invitation for speakers at future meetings

- a. Commissioner Liddell agreed to draft generic letters invited future guest speakers to present at Commission meetings.
2. Develop questions to ask Planning and Police department representatives regarding ADA
 - a. Commissioner Santos and Commission Chair Valentine agreed to develop a list of question for the Planning and Police departments and present them at the next meeting.
3. Paratransit -
 - a. Commissioners and guests were reminded to keep a log of tie down infractions
4. Sidewalks and shop access in Paia and Makawao
 - a. Matter was deferred as Ramoda Anand was not present to report.

VII. AGENDA SETTING

1. Lahaina Gateway report
2. Movie Theater accessible seating
3. Request Corporation Counsel attend meeting to answer legal questions about the Commission's options.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next meeting 1:30 p.m., Thursday, September 10 at Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room 11 Mahaolu Place, Kahului

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.