

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 10, 2009
Hale Mahaolu Elima, 11 Mahaolu Place, Kahului

I. Meeting Called to order at 1:35 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Karen Hue Sing; Marguerite Rowland; Elsie Santos; Tracy Souza; Chair Andrew Valentine

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: John M. Briley, MD; Linda Liddell; Feliciano Sales; Charlotte Seales;

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: State Developmental Disabilities Specialist Mary Matsukawa; DHHC Staff Jan Roberson; Parks Inclusion Specialist Tara Sabado; ADA Coordinator DJ Schwind.

GUESTS: Former Commission Chair and Commission Founder Charlotte Smith; Ramoda Anand.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 13, 2009

Commissioner Souza MOVED to accept the minutes as presented; Commissioner Hue Sing SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - none

IV. REPORTS

A. Americans with Disabilities – DJ Schwind

a. The Dept of Justice report is due in November and they are requesting an update prior to that.

b. Skaff Vs County of Maui – recommends a presentation for a future commission meeting

c. County received a complaint about the sand blowing over road shoulder hampering access from Suda Store to Veterans' Park in Kihei. According to Director of

Environmental Management, County must wait for an injunction to be lifted before it can work in the area.

- d. Commissioners asked about Hamoa Beach access; requesting mayor to attend future meeting to inform commissioners what is expected of them; and increasing MPD presence in parking lots.
- e. Staff Jan Roberson conferred with Deputy Corporation Counsel Kim Sloper via cell phone. Ms. Sloper affirmed that these items were not duly listed on the posted agenda and therefore discussion of them constituted a violation of the Sunshine Law.
- f. Staff informed Commissioners of the above and discussion of items off the agenda was terminated.

B. Aging Disabilities Resource Center – none

C. HI Centers / Independent Living – none

D. Parks - Tara Sabado Wheelchair

- a. Tennis program continues 2x per month at the War memorial Tennis courts. Participation on Saturday averages 4-5 players and Sunday 7-8 players.
- b. Wheelchair Basketball practices will resume in October 19, 26, still looking for 3 more players to make a team.
- c. Adaptive Kayaking program initial phase completed August 25th, 2009. 20 participated, helpers, volunteers, recreation division and Aquatics Division supported the event. Ron Bass was the Kayaking instructor has experience working with people that have disabilities. This is program plans to be completed again in November.
- d. Hoyer lift guidelines are being worked on to assist with safety concerns and proper training needs, meetings continue within the Parks Department.
- e. Concern regarding Little League ball field accessibility received, meeting with Central District Supervisor to find resolution to immediate access concerns and forwarding

the concern to the planning division for long term planning for ADA capital improvement project review.

E. Molokai – none

F. Council Developmental Disabilities - Mary Matsukawa

- a. Commissioners Hue Sing & Santos attended Disability Alliance Planning meeting on September 9. Ms. Hue Sing volunteered to facilitate a small group at the Legislative Forum.
- b. A Legislative Planning Committee meeting will be held Sept 30.
- c. 400 flyers were sent out
- d. Bullying training on Oct 6 at the Cameron Center
- e. DCAB PSAs went to AKAKU but found out that they do not return them so copies need to be made first.
- f. Commissioner Rowland said Chamber of Commerce will add short PSA clips to its emails

G. Transportation – Andrew Valentine

- a. Commissioners Valentine and Souza will meet with Roberts Hawaii CEO Myles Inokuma to discuss the complaint protocol for the Maui Bus.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. October 22, 2009 Legislative Forum

- b. Info Table – Commissioners Rowland, Hue Sing and Valentine will share a table with Parks Department
- c. Commissioner Rowland will bring Costco cookies Denny Schwind will ask DCAB for literature
- d. Tara Sabado will bring Parks brochures
- e. Commissioner Valentine will get aging literature
- f. Commission Chair Valentine will research banners and send request from Department

B. One Main Plaza – Street Parking Stall Conversions

- a. Mary Matsukawa drafted a letter for Denny Schwind for Director Tsuhako to review and suggest modifications prior to approval.

C. Questions for Planning and Police Dept. reps re: ADA

- a. Commissioners Valentine and Santos to work on this

D. Sidewalks and shop access in Paia and Makawao

- a. Ramoda Anand to send his concerns via email to Chair Valentine, CC Denny Schwind.

E. Lahaina Gateway report – Valentine & Souza

- a. Deferred

F. Movie theater seating - Deferred

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hoya Lift Meeting with Parks Dept Aquatics – Souza

- a. See Parks report above
- b. Parks is looking at alternatives to the Hoyer lift, which requires three people to operate.

VII. AGENDA SETTING

- a. Meeting length
- b. Request Corporation Counsel to explain duties
- c. Amending rules
- d. Letter to Mayor with issues and solutions and requesting Mayor to attend future meeting to inform commissioners what is expected of them
- e. Hamoa Beach access
- f. Increasing MPD presence in parking lots

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next meeting 1:30 – 3 p.m., Thursday, October 8, Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room, 11 Mahaolu Place, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.