

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING

Thursday, December 10, 2009
Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room
11 Mahaolu Place, Kahului

I. QUORUM

Commissioners Present: John Briley, MD; Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma; Linda Liddell; Elsie Santos; Tracy Souza; Andrew Valentine.

Commissioners Excused: Marguerite Rowland; Feliciano Sales; Charlotte Seales.

Staff Present: ADA Coordinator Dennis Schwind; Parks Inclusion Specialist Tara Sabado; DHHC Mel Dadez.

Others Present: State Developmental Disabilities Program Specialist Mary Matsukawa; Past President Charlotte Smith; MEO Transportation staff George Reieux.

II. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 1:43 p.m.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 12, 2009. Commissioner Briley MOVED to accept the minutes. Commissioner Hue Sing Ledesma SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY –

Ramoda Anand - I have been going to the Maui Mall Megaplex my whole life. It amazes me that my father Kabba Anand has to carry me because if I was sitting in the accessible seating provided, I would get a headache from looking straight up at the screen. The accessible seating is in the front row only. This is the only option for accessibleped people or anyone who is in a wheelchair for that matter. My father Kabba is able to lift me because I am only 100 pounds, luckily he has the strength. Sorry I was unable to send this earlier. My morning caregiver has been sick.
Aloha, Ramoda Anand

V. REPORTS

A. Americans with Disabilities – DJ Schwind

- Attended ADA on Oahu
- HRS 103-50 – DCAB Bill
 - \$45,000 loss to county
 - No reimbursement for placard accessible program
 - If bill passes every vehicle assessed \$1 to fund program

B. Aging Disabilities Resource Center – James Mariano

- None

C. HI Centers / Independent Living - Nani Watanabe

- None

D. Parks - Tara Sabado

- Inclusion training
- Website tab for accessible info
- Aquatic Access Chairs:
 - 2 at Kamaole I, 2 more available if needed.
 - Looking at Canoe beach Kaanapali for another site

E. Molokai – Linda Liddell

- Continuation of problem with illegal parking in accessible stalls
- Express Exam van no longer in service (DCAB)

F. Council Developmental Disabilities - Mary Matsukawa

- Akaku Public Television will play PSA for 2 years on Channel 54 between shows.
- Submitted:
 - 4 PSA on proper use of Accessible Parking stalls
 - How to Design an Accessible Parking Space
 - How to apply for a Hawaii Disabled Parking Permit
 - Rights and Responsibilities of a Hawaii Parking Permit holder
 - 5 PSA's on Stop Bulling Now.
- The DD Committee is working with the Children's Community Council and the Department of Education on a

Transition February 10, 2010 event at Wailuku Community Center to inform Maui high school students with special needs about services available after they leave high school.

- The increase in the County bus transportation system has been a huge help to this population.

G. Transportation – Andrew Valentine

- George Reioux, MEO Transportation
- MEO is purchasing two smaller mini vans with rear entry ramps forward facing with two wheelchair capacity to access narrow driveways and tight places

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Questions for Parks regarding Skaff lawsuit

- None

B. Letter re: Skaff lawsuit to Parks Director Horcajo

- No response yet

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. One Main Plaza

Commission recommends



Changing 2 stalls on corner of High and Main streets to 1 or 2 accessible stalls with 2 hour parking



Add a van accessible stall by loading zone

B. County Fair Access (Souza)

- At County Fair Mrs. Richard Kamaka made a complaint that she was dropped off far from the entrance.
- Ramoda Anand reported poor sidewalks at Makawao Public Library impedes accessible access.

VII. AGENDA SETTING

- Request Corporation Counsel presence at January 14 meeting
- Invite Sherri Grimes to January 14 meeting
- Request AKAKU to video tape meetings

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting 1:30 p.m., Thursday, January 14, Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room, 11 Mahaolu Place, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.