

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

1:30 p.m., Thursday, November 12, 2009

Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room

I. QUORUM; CALL TO ORDER; INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy Souza, Elsie Santos, Linda Liddell, Andrew Valentine, Karen Hue Sing.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John Briley, Feliciano Sales, Charlotte Seales, Marguerite Rowland.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Matsukawa, Tara Sabado, DJ Schwind, Lori Tsuhako, Charlotte Smith, Ramoda Anand, Katie McBride, Raje Anand, Jan Roberson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 8, 2009.

Corrections:

1) Under ADA report, Item B, One Main Plaza Parking structure is not accessible is changed to "Accessible stalls at One Main Plaza Parking structure are non-ADA compliant due to ceiling height."

2) Under ADA Report Item D, Matsukawa requested a diagram of current accessible street parking at One Main Plaza. Delete accessible.

3) Under Council on Developmental Disabilities change the word "formulas" to families.

Tracey Souza **MOVED** and Karen Hue Sing **SECONDED** a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. **MOTION CARRIED**

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - 3-min. limit; written testimony needed

None

The Commission agreed to discuss Agenda Item out of order: New Business

D. Letters to Roberts Hawaii and Dept of Transportation

- Department of Housing and Human Concerns Director Lori requested the Commission follow policy of running correspondence past her before sending out. A lengthy discussion ensued about what types of correspondence (letters and emails), discussions, meetings were permitted by current policy.
- Director Tsuhako would really appreciate commissioners follow the process so she is aware of commission business.
- ADA Coordinator Denny Schwind advised the commission to seek legal opinion whether a subcommittee can request and participate in meetings outside the commission's posted meetings, and send emails without knowledge and approval of Department Director Lori Tsuhako.

IV. REPORTS

A. Americans with Disabilities – DJ Schwind

- Request for updates regarding Project Civic Access were submitted to Dept of Public Works and the Civil Defense Agency, “brick and mortar” type of improvements.
- The Dept of Justice is requesting additional information. DOJ wants three photos to illustrate ramp grades of 2 percent or less. DJ requested Public Works to explain which photos correlate to which requirement. There is a dispute between the County Civil Defense Agency and the DOJ regarding who is responsible to ensure accessibility at emergency shelters. The question “Are the shelters a service provided by the county?” The shelters are operated by the Red Cross, the state owns the facilities, and the Governor orders the shelters to be opened in the event of an emergency.
- DJ will forward a request for legal opinion to the County attorneys.

B. Aging Disabilities Resource Center – James Mariano

- No Report

C. HI Centers / Independent Living - Nani Watanabe

- No Report

D. Parks - Tara Sabado

- Suggested Commissioners invite Parks Capital Improvements Project Coordinator Robert Halvorson to a meeting to give an update on the Skaff lawsuit.
- Parks is holding a second adaptive kayaking clinic inviting children and adults. Ron Bass will instruct again.
- Parks will pursue a CBDG grant to develop a program to support people with special needs. Up to \$100,000.
- Kamaole I has four swim chairs
- Mary submitted a draft letter to Commission inviting Robert Halvorson to a future meeting. Tracy Souza **MOVED**, Karen Hue Sing **SECONDED** to accept the letter, **MOTION CARRIED**

E. Molokai

- No Report

F. Council Developmental Disabilities - Mary Matsukawa

Fact Sheet

Maui Disability Alliance Legislative Forum, October 22, 2009

In attendance= 200

Legislators Present: Senator Shan Tsutsui, Representative Joe Souki, Representative Joe Bertram, Representative Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Two of Councilwoman Gladys Baisa's representatives: Amanda Martin and Ms. Ane, Mayor Charmaine Tavares' representative; Dr. Arensdorf, and former Mayor Alan Arakawa

County Representatives:

Department of Transportation: Darren Konno

Parks and Recreation: Tara Sabado

Department of Housing: Milton Ito

Office On Aging: James Mariano, Norma Circle, and Jo Reyes

Community Organizations that volunteered their support:

Lions Club – set up/take down 150 chairs and 30 tables
Heath Occupations Students of America – 16 student volunteers – serve food; clean up (Maui High School)
Mediation Services Maui – volunteered 3 facilitators, 3 flipcharts and pads
Division of Vocation Rehabilitation – handled all registration (4 staff)

Other supports

Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities paid for 2 American Sign Language Interpreters

Donations

Community Children’s Council – 100 bentos
Hireabilities Grant – 30 bentos, printed 130 programs, dozen leis
Nursefinders – donated 130 folders
Hale o Lanikila – 18 leis, 40 tablecloths
Maui Plant rentals – Plants for stage (Fred Coffey)
Music: Friends for Ever
Sound System for forum: Gilbert Emata (value \$300)

Resource Fair

24 Community Agencies had displays

EVALUATION - 46 turned in

restrooms @ WCL not very accessible are they up to ADA code

G. Transportation – Andrew Valentine

- Deferred – out of time

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. One Main Plaza – Street Parking Stall Conversions

Deferred – out of time

B. Questions for Planning regarding ADA policies

Deferred – out of time

C. Sidewalks and shop access in Paia and Makawao

Deferred – out of time

D. Hamoa Beach access

Deferred out of time

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Letter to Mayor

Deferred – out of time

B. Illustrations One Main Plaza

Deferred – out of time

C. County Fair Access (Souza).

Deferred – out of time

D. Letter to Roberts HI and DOT

Addressed out of order at beginning of meeting

E. Questions for Planning on ADA Policies

Deferred – out of time

VII. AGENDA SETTING

Deferred – out of time

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting 1:30 p.m., Thursday, December 10, Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room, 11 Mahaolu Place, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Quorum lost when two commissioners had to leave at 3:05 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.