

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 9, 2010

Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room
11 Mahaolu Street, Kahului, HI 96732

I. QUORUM

COMMISSIONER PRESENT – John Briley, Joseph Crugnale, Karen Hue Sing, Linda Liddell, Charlotte Seales, Elsie Santos, Tracy Souza, Andrew Valentine

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED – Feliciano Sales

STAFF PRESENT – Deputy Corporation Counsel Kimberly Sloper; Commission Staff Jan Roberson; Office on Aging Planner James Mariano; Parks Inclusion Specialist Tara Sabado; County Transportation Specialist Darren Konno.

STAFF EXCUSED – ADA Coordinator DJ Schwind

GUESTS PRESENT – Honorable Mayor Charmaine Tavares; Maui County Fair Executive Director Sherri Grimes; County Parks Chief of Recreation Floyd Miyazono; Charlotte Smith; Roberts Hawaii Transportation Manager Harry Johnson; Sheldon Rabanes; Ramoda Anand; Raje Anand; Ellen Kamaka, Leilani Kamaka, Abraham Kamaka, Richard Kamaka, Pam Crugnale, Christine McCohnell, MEO Executive Director Sandy Baz.

II. CALL TO ORDER – the meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Maui County Fair Executive Director Sherri Grimes discussed improving accessibility at the 2010 Maui County Fair. She gave a brief history of her involvement with the fair, and stressed that the safety of pedestrians was foremost on her agenda. She asked Commission members to forward suggestions on improving fair accessibility to her for consideration.

IV. Honorable Guest

Honorable Maui County Mayor Charmaine Tavares read the County Proclamation to observe the 20th Anniversary of the ADA Act signing into law July 26, 1990 by President George Bush, Sr. It proclaimed the week of July 26-31, 2010 as Americans with Disabilities Week in the County of Maui.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 18, 2010 – Commissioner Souza MOVED to approve the minutes without amendment; Commissioner Briley SECONDED. Commissioner Hue Sing asked for time to read the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS Continued

B. Schedule change from 2nd Fridays to 2nd Thursdays due to County's furlough schedule beginning August 2010. Commissioner Briley MOVED to accept the new meeting schedule that changes the meetings from the second Friday monthly to the second Thursday monthly with the same time of 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., and the same meeting venue of Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room, 11 Mahaolu Street, Kahului. Commissioner Hue Sing SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Awareness Fair Planning: the commissioners agreed to 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., October 16, 2010 at the Maui Mall for their Awareness Fair. Commissioner Souza so MOVED. Commissioner Crugnale SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Disaster Action Plan – An Ad Hoc Committee formed and will be comprised of Commissioners Hue Sing, Seales, Valentine and Briley. Commissioner Hue Sing MOVED. Commissioner Crugnale SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **IX. REPORTS**

- a. Makawao Town Accessibility – Joseph Crugnale
 - a. Commissioner Crugnale reported that he had sent email inquiries and was awaiting replies.
- b. Para-Transportation – Andrew Valentine
 - a. New fee structure is more equitable. All riders will pay \$1 per one way, and passes are available for \$30 for seniors.
 - b. Upcountry Ala Hou hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Routes go Upcountry to Keokeo and out to Haiku.
 - c. Commissioner Hue Sing MOVED to write a letter to the County requesting a \$30 monthly pass for disabled riders. Commissioner Crugnale SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
- c. Harry Johnson – formerly with MEO is newly hired at Roberts Hawaii in charge of para-transportation services. Commissioner Souza pointed out that tie down trainings for drivers are needed. Mr. Johnson pledged to address this issue and ensure safety of all passengers.

X. AGENDA SETTING

- a. Letter regarding disabled rider monthly pass of \$30
- b. Letter-writing protocol
- c. Awareness Fair
- d. Disaster Action Plan
- e. Makawao Accessibility
- f. Movie theater access
- g. Correspondence: Letter from Ramoda Anand regarding small, ill-working elevator at a private Kihei medical office.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next meeting 1:30 p.m., Thursday, August 12, Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room, 11 Mahaolu Street, Kahului, HI
- b. Americans with Disabilities Act 20th Anniversary observance 5–6 p.m., Monday, July 26, at the Cameron Center Auditorium with light refreshments to follow.
- c. Author Frances Kakugawa will be at Kaunoa Senior Center 10 a.m.-12 p.m., July 23, 2010 for a lecture on the Voices of Caregiving and a writing workshop. Call 242-8636 to register.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

**County of Maui Department of Parks and Recreation
Tara Sabado, Recreation Specialist for Inclusion
Commission on Disabilities Report July 2010**

1. Wheelchair Tennis program continues at the Pukalani Tennis courts to continue throughout the year. Wheelie Tennis dates for this month are July 10th and 24th.
2. Accessible Parking Signs replacement project continues implementation phase planned for august 2010.
3. Community Classes: American Sign Language.
4. Inclusive Swim Program: Pilot Program started July 7th and will continue throughout the month every Monday, Wed, Fridays with exception of July 16th Furlow day. 12:30pm to 1:30pm is lap swimming, and 1:30pm to 2:45pm Water Aerobics. All participants must pre-register with Inclusion Specialist in order to assess support needs in water. Lifting support needs should be accompanied by an attendant. The goal of this program is to teach users how to safely transfer individuals and use the pool access chair and supportive techniques to participate in program activities that are open all year long at any pool.
5. Kayaking Program: One event will be offered this year, pending confirmation with our Aquatics Division on Dates.
6. All future parks events will no longer be offered in the Maui Family Magazine, our new venue is the Maui Time effective July 2010. Ongoing all year long, all Inclusive activities are listed on the Mauicounty.gov website in the calendar section under Inclusive Parks activities.
7. Workforce Development has partnered with Parks to assist with two Inclusion Recreation Aides through their Summer work program. These two individuals are learning through this partnership how to work with recreation and persons with disabilities. This partnership allows the expansion for new pilot programs and staffing support. This partnership is through the month of July.
8. PALS Program- is considered fully inclusive, we have been successful in assisting with children with disabilities integrating into the program with minimal supports.