

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2011

Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room

11 Mahaolu Street, Kahului, HI 96732

- I. **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ramoda Anand, Joe Crugnale, Karen Hue Sing, Linda Liddell, Yolanda Mau
 - a. **COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:** Cesar Gaxiola, Feliciano Sales
 - b. **STAFF PRESENT:** Deputy Corporation Counsel Gary Murai, ADA Coordinator DJ Schwind, County Department of Transportation Specialist Darren Konno, County Commission Staff Jan Roberson, County Parks and Recreation Inclusion Specialist Tara Sabado,
 - c. **GUESTS:** Civil Defense Emergency Management Officer Anna Foust, Civil Defense Staff Specialist I Charnan Carroll, State Department of Health Emergency Planner Marc Nishimoto, HCIL Program Specialist Nani Watanabe, MEO Transportation Manager George Reioux, MEO Transportation Assistant Kalani Kahalehulu, Roberts Hawaii Transportation Manager Harry Johnson, Raje Anand, Laurie Post, Kevin Souza, Mikey Tomita, Andrew Valentine.

- II. **QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER** – Quorum was established and meeting called to order at 1:45 p.m.

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 16, 2011
 - a. **Corrections to minutes:** DJ Schwind gave report on Project Civic Access (Page 5) and Charter and Code give boards and commissions authority and/or power.
 - i. Commissioner Mau **MOVED** to accept the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Hue Sing **SECONDED**. **MOTION CARRIED**.

- III. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY** –
 - a. Andrew Valentine requested Commission to follow up with county on the development of the emergency transportation plan for persons with disabilities as required by the federal Emergency Management Agency and Project Civic Access.

IV. REPORTS

- a. Transportation - County Department of Transportation
 - i. Transportation Specialist Darren Konno reported that the Fiscal Year ended and a new one is beginning and that bus fares will stay the same for the fiscal year.
 - ii. The Mayor's office is preparing a response to the commission's letter and it should be ready by the August Meeting.
 - iii. Commissioner Hue Sing asked about the bus shelters. Mr. Konno stated the one at Queen Kaahumanu Center should be done in the next couple of months. The one at Luana Gardens and others of like design should be ready by year end.

- b. State Developmental Disability Council – Mary Matsukawa
 - i. Save the DATE – The 16th Annual Maui Disability Alliance Legislative Forum will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Wailuku Community Center.
 - ii. Mary attended the State Department of Transportation Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (hawaiirides.org) Maui Meeting on June 29, 2011 and advocated for the following:
 - 1. ADA Advisory Committee to the County Transportation, made up of bus users with disabilities.
 - 2. Consistent and transparent Complaint Process for all transportation providers who receive money from Maui County.
 - 3. Reduced bus pass for people with disabilities (such as elderly and youth now currently have) City and County of Honolulu form to determine disability could serve as a sample form.
 - iii. “Feeling Safe, Being Safe” trainings were coordinated by PHN Linda Mau of Department of Health for May 10 & 11. Approximately 38 people were trained. The curriculum was developed by the Developmental Disabilities Services in California and adapted for Hawaii for the Center for Disability Studies at University of Hawaii. I will be doing some more training with Linda in August or September.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness
 - i. County Emergency Management Officer Anna Foust
 - 1. Ms Foust discussed that the County's 2008 Inter-agency Action Plan and 2010 County Emergency Operations

- Plan Annex N, which identifies the Commission on Persons with Disabilities as a group that should provide input for the emergency preparedness.
2. However, the CPD has yet to be included in the discussions.
 3. Ms. Foust will make sure to include the Commission in the future.
 4. She will reconvene the regular meetings of the planning group and include the CPD.
- ii. State Department of Health Planner Marc Nishimoto Presentations stressed the need for people to have personal preparedness kits and evacuate when ordered.
- Resources:
1. www.ready.gov
 2. www.weather.gov
 3. www.redcross.gov
 4. www.mauicounty.gov

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Draft letter to Makawao business owners regarding accessibility – Commissioner Anand

The Maui County Commission on Persons with Disabilities recognizes that sidewalks fronting Makawao businesses do not meet Americans with Disabilities Standards for accessibility and that these sidewalks are privately owned.

The Commissioners, therefore, hope to work with Makawao business and property owners - as well as the County - to solve this problem so that persons of all ability levels will be able to patronize Makawao business establishments while preserving its quaint cowboy town character.

Commissioner Anand MOVED to send a new draft of the letter to Commission Chair Crugnale for review and placing on letterhead. Commissioner Mau SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED

The letter will be forwarded to the Director of Housing and Human Concerns and once approved by Director Ridao, the letter will be

sent to the mayor, informing him of the Commission's concerns regarding the inaccessible sidewalks in Makawao. ADA Coordinator Schwind suggested the letter include contact information so the commission can receive a response.

- b. Draft letter to Charlotte Seales – Commissioner Hue Sing
 - i. Commissioner Hue Sing drafted a note and bought a small card for outgoing Molokai Commissioner Seales thanking her for her service to the commission on the people of Maui County. Commissioners signed it and Jan will address and stamp the envelop and send the card to Ms. Seales.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. AGENDA SETTING

- a. Invite Robert Halvorson to give an update on Skaff versus County of Maui lawsuit
- b. Project Civic Access - update
- c. Discuss Annex N of the county emergency preparedness plan.
- d. Add HCIL to reports

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next meeting is set for 1:30 p.m., Thursday, August 11, 2011 at Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room at 11 Mahaolu St., Kahului, HI
- b. ADA Coordinator Schwind announced that the county will have a meeting on July 18 and should have a final report on Project Civic Access on September 26, 2011.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hue Sing MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.
Commissioner Liddell SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.