

# COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

## MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 8, 2011  
Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room  
11 Mahaolu Street, Kahului, HI 96732

### I. QUORUM

**Commissioners Present:** Ramoda Anand, Cesar Gaxiola, Karen Hue Sing, Linda Liddell, Yolanda Mau, Charlotte Smith, Mikey Tomita.

**Commissioners Excused:** None

**Commissioners Unexcused:** Feliciano Sales

**Staff Present:** Gary Murai, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Darren Kono, Transportation Specialist; Tara Sabado, Parks Inclusion Specialist; Jan Roberson, Commission Staff;

**Others Present:** Janelle Curnan, MEO Transportation; Harry Johnson, MEO Transportation; Andrew Valentine, Raje Anand.

### II. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Linda Liddell called the meeting to order at 1:35.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 11, 2011

Commissioner Maui MOVED to approve the minutes without correction. Commissioner Hue Sing SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

### IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- I. Andrew Valentine testified that the commission should thank Civil Defense Administrator Anna Foust for producing the Annex N of the Disaster Preparedness document and note that it was completed without input of the Commission.

### II. CORRESPONDENCE – Joseph Crugnale August 22, 2011

Letter of resignation from the Commission.

Acting Chair Liddell accepted the letter with regret and thanks to former Commissioner Crugnale for his service.

## V. REPORTS

- a. Disabilities Communication Access Board
  - i. Acting Chair Liddell accepted the report as written
- b. ADA Coordinator - DJ Schwind – none
- c. County Department of Transportation – Darren Konno
  - i. Mr. Konno reported that the County held a blessing for the 7 to 8 new bus shelters with seating that had been installed at Queen Kaahumanu Center. Also, a 25-seat accessible passenger vehicle was purchased and will be used on the haiku Islander route.
- d. State Developmental Disability Council – Mary Matsukawa
  - i. Feeling Safe Being Safe training was held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, September 16. It will be the topic of a workshop at the FEMA conference in Washington DC.
- e. Hawaii Centers for Independent Living – none
- f. Parks and Recreation – Tara Sabado
  - i. Kayak program will be held October 7
  - ii. Call her to take part in the adaptive plan process
  - iii. She will travel to the inclusive conference next week
  - iv. Maui County Fair parking plan is available on county and fair websites

## III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. May 24, 2011 letter sent to Mayor Arakawa requesting a volunteer transportation advisory group. Letter sent. No Response
  - i. Mr. Konno said a response was being prepared.
  - ii. Ms. Roberson will contact Mayor's office to inquire.
- b. August 3, 2011 letter to Mayor Arakawa regarding accessibility of Makawao sidewalks. Letter sent. No response.

- i. Dep. Corp. Counsel Murai stated the mayor's office had contacted him to confirm sidewalks were privately owned, and regarding ordinances and zoning issues and regulations.
- ii. Ms. Roberson will contact the mayor's office to inquire about this matter.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Review Emergency Preparedness Document Annex N
  - i. Acting Chair Liddell invited commissioners to form a subcommittee to review the document and report back to the full commission with comments and recommendations at the October 13 meeting. Commissioners Anand and Mau volunteered. Commissioner Tomita stated he would serve as an alternate.
- b. Kepaniwai Park Accessibility
  - i. Ms. Sabado said someone already sent a letter to the mayor and the matter was assigned to the Parks Planner who will be invited to attend the October 13 meeting and give a report.
  - ii. Commissioner Anand said it was his letter.
- c. ADA in Building Code
  - i. Commissioner Gaxiola explained that at the August 8 meeting he had raised the issue of what body or department was responsible for inspecting buildings for ADA compliance. He said Fire inspectors inspect for extinguishers. He was informed that there are no such provisions pertaining to ADA. So the commission voted to send a letter requesting the mayor request ADA inspections be written into the building codes.
  - ii. Commissioner Anand was to draft the letter. He said it was sent to the Commission staff, who apologized for not opening the email attachment due to time constraints. Commissioner Anand will re-send the draft letter and it will be presented at the October 13 meeting.

- d. Transportation subcommittee
  - i. Staff to follow up with mayor's office to find out which executive assistant was assigned to the issue and report back to the commission.

**V. AGENDA SETTING**

- a. Kepaniwai Park Accessibility – April Shiotani
- b. Makawao accessibility
- c. Annex N review
- d. Transportation committee
- e. Election for new chair
- f. Video taping of commission meetings
- g. Requesting all video taped commission meetings have closed captions or sign language interpreters
- h. One Click One Call transportation grant

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Next meeting is set for 1:30 p.m., Thursday, October 13, 2011 at Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room at 11 Mahaolu St., Kahului.
- b. Call MEO grant writer Kathy Parker to support One Click One Call for transportation.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Commissioner Mau MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Commissioner Gaxiola SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.