

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 12, 2012

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ramoda Anand, Gaylr Burton, Cesar Gaxiola, Yolanda Mau, Paulo Sabado, Charlotte Smith, Mikey Tomita

COMMISSIONER(S) EXCUSED: Joseph Felipe

STAFF PRESENT: Gary Murai, Jan Roberson, Tara Sabado, DJ Schwind

OTHERS PRESENT: Tiffany James, Kevin Souza, Kalani Kahalekulu, Kate Eifler, Rachel Heckscher, Mary Matsukawa

I. In the absence of a chair, Deputy Corporation Counsel Gary Murai called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

For Elected Office of Chairperson

Commissioner Mau MOVED to nominate Commissioner Gaxiola.

Commissioner Gaxiola MOVED to nominate Commissioner Mau.

Commissioner Anand MOVED to nominate Commissioner Tomita (who declined).

Commissioner Gaxiola MOVED to close the nominations.

Commissioner Sabado SECONDED.

A vote by show of hands revealed six votes in favor of Commissioner Gaxiola and two in favor of Commissioner Mau.

For the Elected Office of Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Anand MOVED to Nominate Commissioner Mau to serve as Vice Chair. Commissioner Anand MOVED to nominate himself as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Burton MOVED to Close the nominations.

Commissioner ANAND SECONDED. A show of hands revealed five in favor of Commissioner Mau and two in favor of Commissioner Anand.

III. WELCOME NEW COMMISSION APPOINTEES

- a. Mikey Tomita
- b. Joseph Felipe
- c. Gayle Burton

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 26, 2012

Deferred until next meeting

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 15, 2012

Commissioner Mau MOVED to accept minutes as written. Commissioner Tomita Seconded. MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

a. None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter to Mayor inviting him to a future meeting.

- i. Staff reported that the Mayor would be available to attend the July 12 commission meeting from 2-3 p.m.
- ii. Staff reported that the mayor is requesting specific topics and questions be transmitted to him so he may come to the meeting prepared.
- iii. It was suggested that each commissioner forward three questions to staff related to the strategic plan and Makawao access for discussion and voting on at the May 10 meeting.
- iv. Dep. Corp. Counsel Murai gave examples:
 1. What is the county doing in terms of emergency planning for staffing, shelters and communications during a disaster?
- v. Commissioner Mau **MOVED** that the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness' report would be distributed to commissioners prior to the May meeting. Commissioner Burton **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**
- vi. Commissioner Burton **MOVED** the Commission contact Mary Matsukawa to send commission representatives to the emergency plan meetings to get better insight into what is being done and to provide feedback to the commission. She would volunteer to attend the meetings. Commissioner Sabado **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Letter to Mayor Arakawa and Council Chair Mateo on commission priorities and new ADA Accessibility Guidelines.
 - i. Commissioner Anand MOVED that the commission not pursue this topic. Commissioner Mau SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission took a 5 minute break to accommodate the sign language interpreter.

Commissioner Anand MOVED the agenda item be taken out of order. Commissioner Smith SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business item D

Maui County Health Volunteer emergency planning meetings.

Department of Health specialist Rachel Heckscher distributed materials and will return to May 10 meeting to provide more information to commissioners on the emergency planning meetings.

- b. Letter to Parks CIP Coordinator April Shiotani regarding Kepaniwai Park accessible parking stalls presenting a safety hazard

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Director's request to limit regular Commission meetings to 90 minutes

- i. Staff reported that Director Ridao has requested the commission to conduct its regular business within 90 minutes to increase efficiency and reduce costs.
- ii. Commissioner Anand stated the commission should be able to keep its meeting open until late at night under some circumstances, like the county council does.
- iii. Dep. Corporation Counsel Murai stated that the nature of the commission's business is more predictable and he advised that the director has requested that the commissioners get their work done efficiently, in a timely manner, so that serving on the commission does not become too burdensome.
- iv. Commissioner Smith stated that the commission could conduct more work in subcommittees.
- v. Staff requested that reports be submitted early so that they may be included with agenda and draft minutes and distributed in advance of the meetings. Staff also requested that commissioners come prepared to meetings having read the draft minutes, reports and having completed the assignments to which they agreed during previous meetings.
- vi. Commissioner Smith MOVED that commission meetings be limited to 90 minutes. Commissioner Sabado SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
- vii. The meetings will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m., each second Thursday. Subcommittee meetings can be held after the meeting at the same

venue as the venue will be open for the next half hour. Special meeting and additional meetings may be called if necessary.

- b. Video broadcast subcommittee report
 - i. Commissioner Sabado stated he was having some difficulty scheduling the subcommittee meeting.
 - ii. Commissioner Tomita suggested he secure two options from the interpreter and allow the subcommittee members to choose one.
- c. Letter inviting Mayor Arakawa to a commission meeting to discuss Makawao accessibility and to apprise him commission priorities.
 - i. Addressed under Correspondence above.

X. AGENDA SETTING

- a. Questions for the Mayor's visit
- b. DOH Presentation (Rachel Heckscher)
- c. Kepaniwai Park letter (DJ Schwind to draft)
- d. Imua Rehab presentation (Dean Wong)

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next meeting is set for 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 10, 2012 at Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room at 11 Mahaolu St., Kahului.
- b. Mary Matsukawa said April is National Autism Awareness Month and one in 100 children have an autism spectrum disorder.
- c. Commissioner Smith announced Kihei Post Office installed a second accessible ramp.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Commissioner Anand MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Tomita SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.