

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 9, 2012

Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room

I. QUORUM, ROLL CALL

a. Commissioners Present:

Ramoda Anand, Gayle Burton, Joseph Felipe, Cesar Gaxiola, Paulo Sabado, Charlotte Smith, Mikey Tomita

b. Commissioner Excused: Yolanda Mau

c. Staff present: Darren Konno, Gary Murai, Jan Roberson, DJ Schwind, Tara Sabado

d. Guests Present: Sable Bissen, Mary Matsukawa, George Reieux, Kevin Souza, Jean Tessmer

e. Chair Gaxiola acknowledged the quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. He noted Interpreter Kate Eifler was not present to serve as a sign language interpreter for Commissioner Tomita. Dave is writing notes for Commissioner Tomita.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 12, 2012

a. Commissioner Smith MOVED to approve the minutes. Commissioner Felipe SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

a. Commissioner Anand provided verbal testimony.

i. Disaster preparedness committee is important.

ii. I am concerned that people might die.

iii. Commission has a duty to disaster preparedness

Chair Gaxiola asked that the matter be taken up by the Commission's disaster preparedness committee.

IV. Guest Speaker – Jean Tessmer of Space Options

- a. Ms. Tessmer distributed a handout that highlighted accessibility issues in Maui.
- b. The state and county do not have accessibility standards.
- c. Ms. Tessmer pointed out flaws in public restrooms, drinking fountains, impediments to blind, etc.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. None

VI. REPORTS

- a. Video broadcast subcommittee – Paulo Sabado
 - i. We asked some questions at the last meeting.
 - ii. Commissioner Sabado encouraged commission to produce PSAs for public awareness regarding access aisles, etc.
 - iii. Edit videos of Commission meetings to 20 minutes
- b. Editing commission meeting videotapes – Gary Murai
 - i. Is it legal to edit / condense video of meetings?
 - ii. There is no mention of this in Commission bylaws, Roberts Rules, or the Sunshine Law.
 - iii. Similar to meeting minutes, video broadcasts do not need to be verbatim. Broadcasts can be a summary.
- c. AKAKU videotaping every meeting
 - i. ADA Coordinator Schwind stated that the County provides a \$65,000 grant to AKAKU to videotape boards and commissions.
 - ii. The administration provided the following statement:
“Akaku officials have indicated (that) due to a limited budget and the amount of boards and commissions that currently exist (over thirty), it would not be possible to provide T.V. coverage for every board and commission meeting. They have requested agendas from our county personnel who staff our boards and commissions to help with the decision making process as to which meetings should be covered and would be of great interest to the public.”

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Accessible parking at Kepaniwai Park – DJ Schwind
 - i. I told the commission I would look into finding an alternative to provide better access to the public at the park.
 - ii. The parking area has two existing stalls, although they are in the traffic lane, they do satisfy the requirement. There are two additional stalls located near the restrooms.
 - iii. I will continue to look into this matter.
 - iv. Once the area is re-striped, repaved or small repair, it would be technically feasible to make changes to the accessible parking stalls.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Legislative changes to Office of Information Practices regarding Sunshine Laws – Gary Murai
 - i. Changes to Act 177
 - 1. To accommodate the public, the Commission may hear testimony even when a meeting lacks a quorum. Testimony must be recorded. Commissioners can ask questions. No action can be taken. This accommodates the public.
 - 2. More than two Commissioners can attend informational meetings and receive information if at the next meeting they report to the members.
 - 3. Technology can be used to allow commissioners to participate in meetings from their homes, hospital rooms, care homes, etc. without the need to include the public. The meeting can continue as long as at least audio communication is maintained.
 - 4. ADA Coordinator Schwind stated that interpreters do not need to be in the same room.
- b. Site visits to accessible shelters

- i. Matter was deferred.
- c. Accessible bus evacuation to shelters for disabled community
 - i. Commissioner Tomita wrote: Let some of us test accessible bus evacuation to shelters to observe and give feedback before we okay the shelters.
 - ii. Chair Gaxiola stated that can be coordinated with the department that is in charge.
 - iii. ADA Coordinator stated:
 - 1. The mayor's representative indicated we should shelter in place.
 - 2. Shelters are either state or county facilities and must comply with accessibility laws.
 - 3. The community centers, high schools are the shelters.
 - 4. He encourages commissioners to go look.
- d. PSAs and workshops per the Mayor's suggestion.
 - i. Commissioner Anand MOVED that the Commission produce PSAs and workshops. No SECOND
 - ii. Chair Gaxiola stated we need a committee to check into costs and funding sources.
 - iii. Commissioner Anand AMENDED his MOTION. He MOVED that Commission set up a committee. Commissioner Felipe SECONDED.
 - iv. DISCUSSION. Commissioner Anand recommended we do PSAs on emergency preparedness and workshops on all issues the commission deals with.
 - v. Commissioner Burton suggested we look into what's already being done, before deciding what workshops to sponsor.
 - vi. Deputy Corporation Counsel Murai asked Commissioner ANAND to clarify his definition of a workshop.
 - vii. Commissioner Anand specified a 10 minute workshop at each meeting.
 - viii. Mr. Murai said that would be a presentation.

- ix. Commissioner Burton stated that as long as she had been on the commission, there have been presenters at all the meetings.
 - x. Commissioner ANAND amended his motion again. He MOVED that commission meetings have presenters. Commissioner Felipe SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
- e. Annex N recommendations to the Mayor – Yolanda Mau
- i. The matter was DEFERRED

IX. AGENDA SETTING

- a. No matters were added to next month's agenda

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Gaxiola announced that Kevin Souza will join the commission beginning at the September 13 meeting.
- b. Next meeting is set for 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 13, 2012 at Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room at 11 Mahaolu St., Kahului.
- c. Tamickco Jackson of the Maui Office of Veterans Services will be a guest presenter at the September 13, 2012 meeting.
- d. Maui Disability Alliance Legislative Forum is set for 4:00-6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 13 at Maui Waena School located at 795 Onehee Avenue, Kahului. For more information call 984-8218.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.