

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING AGENDA

1:30-3:00 p.m., Thursday, November 8, 2012

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

I.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Gayle Burton, Joseph Felipe, Cesar Gaxiola, Paulo Sabado, Charlotte Smith, Kevin Souza, Mikey Tomita

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Ramoda Anand, Yolanda Mau

STAFF PRESENT:

Darrin Konno, Gary Murai, Jan Roberson, Tara Sabado, DJ Schwind

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Dorsett, Chivo Ching Johnson, Harry Johnson, Mary Matsukawa, George Reioux, Andrew Valentine

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 11, 2012

Kevin Souza MOVED to approve the minutes. (inaudible on tape) SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Andrew Valentine stated he would like to see the emergency plan include a process for moving disabled individuals from their homes to shelters
- b. Mary Matsukawa reported on the bus pass issue for disabled riders to receive a monthly bus pass at a discounted rate similar to seniors and students. She shared a copy of the disability bus pass application used by The Bus on Oahu, and presented information on the Maui Transportation Departments proposed "income needs based on 150% of poverty level" pilot program for a discounted bus pass.

- i. She reported that on 10/15/12 she gave testimony at the Maui County Council Infrastructure Committee advocating for a discounted bus pass for persons with disabilities and the creation of an ADA Advisory Committee for the County Department of Transportation.
- ii. She also reported that on 10/22/12 she met with members of the Maui Wheelers group (Nani Watanabe, Bryan Zoellner, Elaine Ota) regarding transportation advocacy for a disability bus fair discount.
- iii. On 10/26/12 she convened a meeting with the Maui County Transportation Director, Joanne Johnson Winner, Nani Watanabe, Bryan Zoellner, Elaine Ota and Alohilani Hue Sing regarding the discounted bus pass and the creation of the ADA transportation Advisory committee.

IV. Guest Speaker – Deputy Rowena Dagdag Andaya was unable to attend today’s meeting and reset her presentation on the Complete Streets Program for the commission’s January 10, 2013 meeting.

V. REPORTS

- a. Video broadcast subcommittee – Paulo Sabado
Jan Roberson and I completed AKAKU’s intro to television production class with Jan Roberson. In October, we completed the digital video editing course at AKAKU. We learned that Public Access was created to include local communities. AKAKU is an essential partner with the Commission to help us fulfill our mission to educate and inform the public of matters important to persons with disabilities.

- b. Video production classes at AKAKU
 - i. The Maui County Office on Aging is sponsoring AKAKU classes for Paulo Sabado and Jan Roberson including video editing and field production
- c. Due to technical difficulties, Paulo will give a laptop presentation on closed captioning next meeting

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Lahaina Harbor Accessible Parking
 - i. ADA Coordinator DJ Schwind stated he had followed up with the Disabilities Communication Access Board but the issue is not resolved yet. He will continue to report back until the stripes are painted in all accessible stalls at Lahaina Harbor
- b. Commission Legislative Liaison - tabled

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discounted monthly bus pass for disabled community
 - i. Commissioner Tomita MOVED to send a letter to City and County of Honolulu requesting information on Medicaid recipients getting a discount for bus passes. Commissioner Felipe SECONDED.
 - ii. DISCUSSION: Commissioner Burton asked where the money for the discount would come from.
 - iii. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Decision to skip December meeting. Deputy Corporation Counsel Murai said we are required to meet according to County Code.

VIII. AGENDA SETTING

- a. Invite Director of Transportation JoAnne Johnson Winer to present at the next meeting to speak about discounted bus passes for disabled riders
- b. Lahaina accessible parking stall striping update

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next meeting is set for December 13, 2012.
- b. Caregivers Conference is Wednesday and there are scholarships available
- c. Deputy Corporation Counsel introduced Jennifer Awana who is his substitute assigned to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities
- d. Mary Matsukawa announced an emergency preparedness meeting on Wednesday, December 5.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting was adjourned a 2:30 p.m.