

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room

I. ROLL CALL, QUORUM, WELCOME

- a. Meeting called to order at 10:35 a.m.
- b. Commissioners Present: Gayle Burton, Cesar Gaxiola, Paulo Sabado, Charlotte Smith, Kevin Souza, Mikey Tomita, Andrew Valentine.
- c. Commissioners Absent: Joseph Felipe (unexcused).
- d. Staff Present: Deputy Corporation Counsel Jennifer Oana, Commission Staff Jan Roberson, ADA Coordinator DJ Schwind.
- e. Guests Present: Abigail Llewellyn, interpreter; Harry Johnson, MEO Transportation.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 20, 2013

- a. Commissioner Souza MOVED to approve minutes without correction. Commissioner Sabado SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS

- a. None

IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

- a. Due to late bus, this item was deferred until later in the meeting so that all commissioners could participate.

V. REPORTS

- a. Video broadcast subcommittee –
 - i. Commissioner Sabado circulated a hand out, see attached
 - ii. He said he was happy to research captioning and was learning in the process, and in turn he would share his findings and, in turn, the commissioners would learn.
- b. Emergency Preparedness subcommittee & Annex N –
 - i. Commissioner Burton asked for another month to work on the issue.

- ii. She will attend a workshop or training at the MACC on July 25, 2013 and report back to the commission.
 - iii. A committee was formed with Commissioners Burton, Tomita and
- c. Skaff Lawsuit update
- i. Staff circulated the July 31, 2013 report from the parks department which showed the parks where projected were completed or where work was still in progress.
 - ii. Staff will invite Parks CIP Coordinator April Shiotani to speak at the August 15 meeting.
 - iii. Commissioners are free to check on the progress at Wells Park in Wailuku as the work there is ongoing.
- d. Project Civic Access
- i. DJ Schwind stated the Dept of Justice lawsuit was initiated in 2005 and was concluded by the courts with the determination that all requirements had been met.
 - ii. Staff will provide the commissioners with the report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Letters to the mayor and county council advocating for all system passes with discounted fares based on income not disability or other status.
- i. Commissioner Valentine stated that the Commission needed to send a letter immediately to the County Council Human Services and Transportation Committee which was discussing the issue on Monday.
 - ii. Deputy Corporation Counsel Jennifer Oana's explained that the proper procedure was to send a letter to the Director of Housing and Human Concerns for transmittal to the mayor, and not send a letter directly to the county council.
 - iii. Commissioner Valentine stated that the mayor had told him that the commission could send letters directly to the county council and other agencies.

- iv. Staff Roberson stated the pilot program that offers discounts to riders with disabilities would run until September, so the matter was not time sensitive.
 - v. Commissioner Valentine stated that the County Council Committee would vote on this matter on Monday and that it was crucial to send a letter immediately.
 - vi. Staff reminded the commissioners that they are free to send letters to the County Council Committee as private individuals as long as they do not represent the views of the commission.
 - vii. Commissioner Valentine MOVED to send a letter advocating for a fare assistance program for all riders and remove discounts on passes for reasons other than financial need. Commissioner Laemoa SECONDED.
 - viii. Commissioner Sabado stated the Commission was supposed to advise the mayor, not the county council.
 - ix. Commissioner Valentine stated the Mission of the Commission is to advise the County, not the mayor.
 - x. Commissioner restated his previous statement that the mayor gave the Commission permission to contact other agencies directly.
 - xi. Staff Roberson stated the Commission had not received such a memo.
 - xii. Chair Gaxiola called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Accessibility of parking lot at Olowalu
- i. ADA Coordinator DJ Schwind stated that the parking lot fronting the Olowalu Store is a private parking lot and was recently resurfaced.
 - ii. If the parking lot had an accessible stall previously, the ADA law is clear that the stall needs to remain. It can be moved to a different section of the lot, but not removed.
 - iii. DJ Schwind will make a site inspection.

IV STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

c. Updating Commission's strategic plan

Strategic Planning Topics

Circle the top three issues you deem the most important for the Commission on Persons with Disabilities to address in the next 12 months. Commissioner combined all accessibility items (sidewalks in towns, County Fair, parking, ADA compliance for public spaces). They also combined Akaku items (broadcasting and captioning).

Strategic Planning Session	
7/18/13	
Vote Tally	Issue
7	Accessibility for sidewalks in towns, County Fair drop off and pick up, enforcing accessible parking, ADA compliance for public spaces.
5	AKAKU broadcasting CPD meetings, captioning
4	Evacuation for persons with disabilities during disasters
2	Discounted fares for bus riders with low income
2	Fire station flashing lights
1	Ala Hou evening and weekend para-transit
0	State Drivers Licensing Exam and Booklet

Commissioners expressed a desire to create and keep a spreadsheet on the issues they work on, and the actions they take on each item and the conclusion dates of each.

VII. AGENDA SETTING

a. Commission meeting time for 2014

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Next meeting is set for 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., August 15, 2013, Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room, 11 Mahaolu Street, Kahului, HI 96732.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

a. The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.