

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room

I.

a. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- i. Cesar Gaxiola, Paulo Sabado, Charlotte Smith, Kevin Souza, Mikey Tomita, Andrew Valentine

b. COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

- i. Gayle Burton, Joseph Felipe, Kealoha Laemoa

c. STAFF PRESENT

- i. Linden Joesting, Darren Konno, Gary Murai, Jan Roberson,

d. GUESTS PRESENT

- i. Elaine Ota, Bryan Zoellner

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 18, 2013

- a. Commissioner Valentine MOVED to approve the minutes without changes. Commissioner Souza SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Clarification on communications procedures –
- ii. Deputy Corporation Counsel Gary Murai stated that traditionally and typically communications that issue from the commission it has always been the practice to send letters to the Director to forward to the Mayor. After that the Mayor will forward to the addressee.
- iii. Mr. Murai is not aware of any policy change to allow the commission to bypass this traditional policy so he cannot speak to that.
- iv. Commissioner Valentine stated this can be too time consuming for time sensitive matters.

- v. Mr. Murai reminded commissioners that the commission's role is to make recommendations to the Mayor. The commission has no adjudicative or enforcement authority.
- vi. Mr. Valentine said Commission does not get info in a timely manner.
- vii. Staff Roberson stated that the commissioner can check the Maui News for public announcements on public hearings and sign up for notifications of various county council committees.

b. Meeting Time for 2014

- i. Mr Valentine MOVED to hold the meetings at 12:30 p.m. in 2014. Mr. Tomita SECONDED.
- ii. After discussion Mr. Valentine withdrew the motion, Mr. Tomita withdrew the second.
- iii. Mr. Valentine MOVED to hold the meetings in the early afternoon as early as the venue would allow. Mr. SOUZA SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Letter advocating for all system passes with discounted fares based on income not disability, senior, or student status.
 - i. Mr. Valentine MOVED to send a letter to the county council via the director of Housing and Human Concerns and the Mayor requesting an all systems pass for persons with disabilities with a reduced fare structure. Mr. Sabado SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REPORTS

a. Strategic Planning Session results 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

- b. Accessibility of parking lot at Lahaina Harbor – DJ Schwind
 - i. Not present
- c. Video broadcast subcommittee – Commissioner Sabado
 - i. Requests permission to research student access issues in classrooms. Granted.
 - ii. Mr. Tomita thanked Mr. Sabado for his work on this committee.
- d. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee & Annex N
 - i. Commissioner Burton is planning to resign so Mr. Valentine will take over this committee and give a report at the next meeting.

VII. AGENDA SETTING

- a. Project Civic Access – A. Valentine
- b. Emergency Preparedness Committee – A. Valentine
- c. County Grants of money to towns should include access improvements – M. Tomita

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next meeting is set for 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., October 17, 2013, Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room, 11 Mahaolu Street, Kahului, HI 96732.
- b. Senior Fair is set for 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, October 26, 2013 at War Memorial Complex. MEO will produce the fair. Wilmont Kahaialii (Willie K's brother) and Jan McDonald (Elvis impersonator) are confirmed to perform, and tentatively a strolling magician.
- c. October is Disabilities Awareness Month and to observe this, the Mayor will sign a proclamation in the 9th floor conference room of the County Building at 10 a.m. on Oct 7. Call Mike Molina 270-7855 if you plan to attend. The

Maui Wheelers will present a portable ramp for use during emergencies.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

a. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.