



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Chair:
Cesar Gaxiola

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Vice-Chair:
Gayle Burton

December 19, 2013

Members:

MEETING MINUTES

Joseph Felipe
Lanai

I. COMMISISONERS PRESENT

a. Kealoha Laemoa, Charlotte Smith, Kevin Souza, Mikey Tomita, Andrew Valentine

Kealoha Laemoa
Molokai

II. STAFF PRESENT

a. Civil Defense Specialist Charnan Carroll, Director of Civil Defense Anna Foust, Deputy Corporation Counsel Gary Murai, Commission Staff Jan Robeson, ADA Coordinator DJ Schwind, Director of Transportation JoAnne Johnson Winer

Paulo Sabado
Kahului

Charlotte Smith
Kihei

III. GUESTS:

Kevin Souza
Wailuku

IV. AKAKU Staff Chivo Ching Johnson & Linda Dorsett, Sign Language Interpreter Denise Green.

Mikey Tomita
Kahului

V. QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Andrew Valentine
Kihei

VI. Deputy Corporation Counsel Murai called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

VII. ELECT TEMPORARY CHAIR

Jan Roberson,
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Commission Staff
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a. Deputy Corporation Counsel Murai called for nominations for Chair Pro Tem.

i. Commissioner Tomita nominated
Commissioner Valentine

ii. Commissioner Valentine nominated
Commissioner Laemoa

iii. Commissioner Laemoa was elected by 3 to 1 vote.

VIII. WELCOME

a. Chair Laemoa welcomed the commissioners.

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 12, 2013 meeting.

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

X. PRESENTATION

a. Anna Foust, Civil Defense Coordinator

- i. Emergency Preparedness and evacuation procedures for persons with disabilities during a disaster.
- ii. Everyone is advised to subscribe to the county notification system on their smart phones and tablets to receive text alerts when a disaster or emergency is declared. She said this is a breakthrough.
- iii. Folks with special needs will be advised to evacuate to a medical shelter and to bring their medications and supplies as well as an attendant.
- iv. Commissioners are requested to resume work on the Annex N working group to advise the county of evacuation procedures for individuals with disabilities.
- v. It was recommended that the subcommittee meet regularly on a bi-monthly basis to set and accomplish tasks.
- vi. County Civil Defense needs feedback from the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, the Office on Aging, the Maui Police and Fire departments, and Maui Economic Opportunity.
- vii. The County does not favor establishing a list of people who may need help in a disaster as the list could be incomplete and it could give people a false

sense of security as the county cannot guarantee a ride to the shelter for everyone.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. Appoint commissioners to the existing subcommittee on Disaster Preparedness
 - ii. Previous subcommittee members Yolanda Mau and Ramoda Anand resigned, leaving Commissioner Tomita on the committee.
 - iii. Commissioner Valentine volunteered.
 - iv. It was suggested that Commissioner Sabado who was not present may wish join later.
 - v. Commissioner Laemoa was invited to join, but she said she would pencil it in as her schedule permitted.
- b. Review and approve draft letter to mayor, CC Director of Housing and Human Concerns and Director of Transportation, advising county to implement a discounted All Systems Pass for disabled riders permitting qualified disabled riders to utilize any bus in the system – fixed route, para-transit and commuter for the fee of \$30 per month.
- i. Commissioner MOVED to APPROVE the draft letter. Commissioner Tomita SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Gayle Burton Letter of Resignation.
 - i. Letter was for review only, no action taken.
- b. 2014 CPD meeting dates, time change
 - i. New meeting schedule is as follows: 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., each Second Thursday, Hale Mahaolu Elima. Commissioners received a printed copy of the new schedule.

- c. Form a subcommittee to improve access to sign language interpreters and closed captioning; appoint members
 - i. This matter was deferred until January 9, 2014 meeting in the absence of Commissioner Sabado.
- d. Discussion and action regarding MEO reservation system for para transit riders.
 - i. This matter was deferred until January 9, 2014 meeting as the new system is working out the bugs.
- e. Review application for agencies and non-profits applying to receive county grant funding for ADA compliance clauses and make recommendations as determined necessary.
 - i. Commissioner Tomita requested that this matter be folded into letter C above.
 - ii. Item was deferred until January 9, 2014 meeting.

XIII. AGENDA SETTING

- a. Invite county official to January 9, 2014 meeting to discuss requirements for grantees of county grant funding to adhere to ADA accessibility guidelines for their programs.
 - i. This matter was deferred until the commission can discuss and determine appropriate questions to ask of such an official.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next meeting is set for 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., January 9, 2014, Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Hall, 11 Mahaolu Street, Kahului, HI 96732.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair Laemoa adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.