



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Cesar Gaxiola

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Vice Chair
Kealoha Laemoa
Molokai

MEETING MINUTES Thursday, May 8, 2014 Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Hall

Members:

MD Alborano
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Paulo Sabado
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Kevin Souza
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- I. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, ROLL CALL**
- II.**
 - Meeting called to order at 12:35 p.m.
 - a. COMMISIONERS PRESENT**
 - i. Cesar Gaxiola, Kealoha Laemoa, Paulo Sabado, Mikey Tomita, Andrew Valentine
 - b. COMMISIONERS EXCUSED**
 - i. MD Alborano
 - c. STAFF PRESENT**
 - i. Linden Joesting, Jan Roberson
 - d. GUESTS PRESENT**
 - i. Vivian Lindsey, Rob Tarver, Charlotte Smith, Kate Eifler, Christi Keliikoa, BK Joy Singh
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 10, 2014 meeting.**
 - a.** Commissioner Valentine **MOVED** to approve the minutes without amendment. Commissioner Laemoa **SECONDED**. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a.** Mayor's response to Commission's December 23, 2013 letter to Mayor requesting all systems monthly pass for riders with disabilities.
 - i. Commissioners reviewed the letters and the gist was that the county could not reduce fares.
 - ii. Commissioner Valentine was concerned the letter to the mayor did not accurately convey the commission's intentions.

- b. Email dated 4/11/14 from Office of Information Practices on meeting by interactive conference technology.
 - i. Commissioners with disabilities may attend meetings via Skype or Google Plus IF the reason they cannot attend is related to their disability – not if there were no flights available, for instance.
 - ii. Deputy Corporation Council will clarify at next meeting under what conditions meeting can continue should either audio or visual lost.
 - iii. Staff will check on technologies needed for the meeting.
 - iv. Chair Gaxiola asked commissioners not to get bagged down with one, two or three people when the goal of the commission is to help the community of thousands.
- c. Resignation letter dated 4/14/14 from Commissioner Felipe
- d. Email dated 4/13/14 from Commissioner Alborano

V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS AS THEY PERTAIN TO ISSUES AFFECTING PERSONS WITH DISAILITIES

- a. Vivian Lindsey stated that the bus system wastes fuel by criss-crossing the island with empty buses and it would save money by allowing riders with monthly passes to ride any of the routes – fixed route or para transit. It would also save persons with disabilities time in transiting from home to central and back. She stated that this is allowed for seniors and students but not disabled.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Goal Setting

- i. Commissioners discussed and determined that they would focus on two issues before moving to other issues:
 - 1. Para Transit issue
 - 2. Emergency evacuation of disabled.
- ii. Commissioner Laemoa MOVED Commissioner Valentine SECONDED and MOTION CARRIED as follows:
 - 1. To have commission focus on the two issues of Para Transit and Transportation of persons with disabilities when an evacuation is declared;
 - 2. To send a letter to the Mayor via the Director of Housing and Human Concerns to request the

Department of Transportation and Civil Defense agency assign a staff person to attend and facilitate the subjects of Para Transit and Transportation of persons with disabilities when an evacuation is declared at the commission's regular meetings.

3. To have Staff compose the letter that will include a deadline for response to the letter.

b. Election of Officers

- i. Commissioner Valentine MOVED to nominate Commissioner Laemoa to serve as Commission Chair. Commissioner Tomita SECONDED. Commissioner Laemoa MOVED to nominate Commissioner Sabado to serve as Vice Chair. Commissioner Sabado SECONDED.
- ii. Commissioner Valentine MOVED to accept and close the nominations. Commissioner Sabado SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Para transit

b. Emergency evacuation procedures for persons with disabilities to shelters

- i. Commissioner Valentine MOVED Commissioner Souza SECONDED and MOTION CARRIED as follows:
- ii. The commission will focus on these issues at regular commission meetings and the subcommittees on these issues will be dissolved.

VIII. AGENDA SETTING

- a. Discussion and suggestions for items to add to the next and subsequent month's agendas.
 - i. Possibility of bringing in a trainer from Honolulu on evacuation of the disabled during disasters. Or Skype. Staff to look into it.
 - ii. Deputy Corporation Counsel Joesting to report on the DOJ report on Project Civic Access.
 - iii. Staff to report on the shelters and the types of shelters – if they accept pets, are ADA compliant, are good for hurricanes and or tsunamis.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next meeting is set for 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., June 12, 2014, Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Hall, 11 Mahaolu Street, Kahului, HI 96732
- b. Commissioner Valentine announced that the Paratransit Advisory Council will not meet in June. The next meeting of the PAC is July 14 at MEO.
- c. Commissioner Valentine announced that MEO has managers on duty during the hours reservation lines are open so that they can resolve issues and answer questions immediately.
- d. Commissioner Sabado announced the Parks Dept. will conduct a wheel chair tennis clinic today.
- e. Commissioner Laemoa announced that the Molokai Senior and Disability Fair was a success and attended by over 200 people.
- f. Rob Tarver announced the 18th Annual Legislative Forum on Persons with Disabilities is set for Thursday, September 18.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Commissioner Gaxiola called the meeting closed at 1:35 p.m.