



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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MEETING MINUTES

Sept. 11, 2014, 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room
11 Mahaolu St., Kahului, HI 96732

I. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, ROLL CALL

- a. Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m.
- b. **Commissioners Present:** Kealoha Laemoa, Paulo Sabado, Kevin Souza, Mikey Tomita, Harold Davis, Gabriel Johnson, Andrew Valentine, Faraz Azizoltani
- c. **Commissioners Excused:** MD Alborano
- d. **Commissioners Absent:** none
- e. **Staff Present:** Jerrie Sheppard, Kim Ferguson
- f. **Guests Present:** DJ Schwind, Channan Carroll, Darren Kono, Vivian Lindsey, Rob Tarver, Lisa Darcy, Kate Eifler

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 14, 2014

- a. Chair Laemoa entertained a motion to approve minutes. Commissioner Valentine **MOVED** to approve the minutes without amendment. Commissioner Azizoltani **SECONDED**. All in favor, **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

- a. Vivian Lindsey presented a handout to commissioners with a proposal for a monthly paratransit bus pass which would allow a senior to ride on both the paratransit and fixed routes as

students are currently allowed to do. Seniors are currently allowed to ride only on the paratransit routes. Advised commission she is planning on taking the issue up with the Council.

- b. Lisa Darcy presented testimony on behalf of the Maui Disability Alliance and discussed the commission's letter to the Mayor dated 12/19/2013 regarding their request for an all route bus pass and the response from the Mayor dated 2/14/2014. Ms. Darcy requested the commission's assistance and support in moving the issue forward.
- c. Rob Tarver distributed a flyer on the 18th Annual Maui Disability Alliance Legislative Forum to commissioners. The event will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at UHMC-Piilina Building.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review and approval of chair's letters to MEO and Finance
Both letters were approved. Commission requested to have an additional letter sent to JoAnne Johnson Winer, Director of Transportation. Motion entertained by Chair Laemoa, moved by Commissioner Valentine, seconded by Commissioner Tomita. All in favor, motioned carried.
- b. Discussion on "Smart Streets" project
Item was not discussed in detail as it was put on the agenda in error

V. AGENDA SETTING

- a. Office of Elections presentation
- b. Discussion on paratransit transportation
- c. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee Report
- d. Possible creation of a subcommittee on transportation in Maui County
- e. Report on MEO transportation services on the island of Lanai
- f. Emergency 911 communication and teletypewriter(TTY) services
- g. Discussion on lack of sidewalks fronting Maui Fire Department locations
- h. Discussion on lack of accessibility to waste receptacles at parks

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next meeting on Nov. 13, 2014, 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 pm at Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room
- b. Commissioner Valentine announced that the Paratransit Advisory Council's next meeting is on the Sept. 15th at MEO from 1-3 p.m.
- c. Commissioner Johnson announced that there are a lot of changes happening on Lanai with new owner Larry Ellison and that he hopes that new construction is ADA compliant.
- d. Vice Chair Sabado suggested that in order for the commission to be effective, members need to do their homework and not only bring forth the issues but also come with possible solutions and identify the sources for the solutions.
- e. Chair Laemoa will be out of town for October and November meetings and Vice Chair Sabado will be chairing meetings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair Laemoa entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **MOVED** by Commissioner Valentine, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Souza. **ALL IN FAVOR**, meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.