

# COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

June 14, 2007

County Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

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CONVENE: 2:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Norita DeLima, Chair  
Marguerite Rowland, Vice-Chair  
Darren Quinn  
Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma  
Andrew Valentine, Jr.

EXCUSED: Patricia Duckwork  
Kealoha Laemoa  
Donald Reaser

ADMIN.: Edward Kushi, Deputy Corporation Counsel

STAFF: Mel Dadez, Department of Housing and Human Concerns

GUESTS: Sergeant Barry Aoki, Maui Police Department  
Mayor Charmaine Tavares  
Matt Moser  
One (1) other individual

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CHAIR DELIMA: . . . I mean, June 14, 2007 at 2:05. Can I have a member were to approve the minutes?

MR. VALENTINE: Mr. Valentine, so moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, with minor changes.

CHAIR DELIMA: Can you state the corrections.

MR. VALENTINE: On the attendance list we have a Margaret[sic] Rowland listed as Vice-Chair, and she's not the current Vice-Chair of the Commission. So that needs to be corrected for its title. I think the current Vice-Chair is Darren.

CHAIR DELIMA: Can I have second person.

MS. ROWLAND: I'll second.

CHAIR DELIMA: Minutes have been corrected and approved. We don't have anybody for open house, right? We don't have anybody here to . . . Oh, before we go on, can we identify ourselves. My name is Norita DeLima. I'm the Chair for the Commission on the Handicapped.

MR. VALENTINE: Andrew Valentine, Commission member.

MS. ROWLAND: Marguerite Rowland, Commission member.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma, Commission member.

VICE-CHAIR QUINN: Darren Quinn, Vice-Chair.

SERGEANT AOKI: Barry Aoki, Police.

MR. KUSHI: Ed Kushi from the Corp. Counsel's office.

MR. DADEZ: Mel Dadez, temporary staff member.

MR. MOSER: Matt Moser, guest.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: I'm sorry, Sargeant?

SERGEANT AOKI: Yes.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Your name again?

SERGEANT AOKI: Aoki, Barry Aoki.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR DELIMA: I have no new business for today, but I would like to add for next month the Paia . . . I would like to add access parking in Paia so that we can go on our, one of goals anyway.

MR. VALENTINE: You say excess or access?

CHAIR DELIMA: Accessibility of parking—

MR. VALENTINE: Accessible parking.

CHAIR DELIMA: Also start planning our Awareness Day for October. And also I'll tell you later on that. Anything else? Can we have our reports? Okay, might as well finish then.

I would like to call another meeting next week, the last week of this month so I can break us up in committees so we can work on our goals, like one of our short goals anyway, like transportation, Paia's problem. Maybe anybody having concerns with sidewalks, you know instead of just sitting idle. Maybe we can get together doing that and then once a month get back together and then everybody can decide what or say that each committee and report back to the committee. That way we won't waste that much time.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Can I say . . . do that today if we have time?

CHAIR DELIMA: Sure.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Because it seems like Darren might want to take, go ahead and chair Paia and—

CHAIR DELIMA: Well, in my mind I had Darryl[sic]—

MR. QUINN: Don.

CHAIR DELIMA: --to do Paia.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Darren lives right there in Paia.

CHAIR DELIMA: Yeah, that's why—

MS. ROWLAND: Norita, I'm going to be away at the end of the month, but would there be any possibility of doing these committee meetings on the same commission days? Just because it's really difficult for me to get down here on another day.

CHAIR DELIMA: Well, I was thinking maybe if we could get the room maybe an hour earlier, maybe we could meet a little earlier in small groups and then two o'clock or . . . (inaudible) . . . since we're going to be here anyway.

MS. ROWLAND: That would certainly be better for me. I mean it's going to be really difficult for me to get down here on a different day at a different time.

CHAIR DELIMA: Mel, can you check if we can get the room from one o'clock? Thank you.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: That would give us good time to discuss it at that time.

CHAIR DELIMA: We have no transportation represented today.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Why is that?

CHAIR DELIMA: They didn't show.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: And they were asked to come?

CHAIR DELIMA: Yes.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Did you get a call saying they couldn't make it?

CHAIR DELIMA: No. I can call them. You want me to call them to see if they're going to come?

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: No, but we need, you know—

CHAIR DELIMA: Kealoha couldn't make it today. She got star eye, and she didn't want to give us her illness. We have Mr. Sargeant Aoki here to report on our volunteer parking enforcement program.

SERGEANT AOKI: We're still looking for volunteers if you guys have any friends. Also we hired one person in our office, the traffic office. Her title is Public Safety Aide, and she's being trained to do citations, writing of citations and she'll be assigned to do disabled parking enforcement. She's not a sworn officer, but she's a civilian. But she's getting the training . . . (inaudible) . . . The Parks Department, there's three people from the Parks Department that wanted to be on it, but just really busy.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Is there any way that the employees of Parks Department can enforce that area while they're on duty?

SERGEANT AOKI: I don't know. That would be up to their Department head, yeah. And I don't, my guess would be, probably not because they're supposed to be for the Parks Department.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Okay, so what they would do if they see any violations is immediately call the police . . .

SERGEANT AOKI: (inaudible)

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Yeah, okay so we can encourage them to do that and when they see things to make a note of it.

MR. VALENTINE: They have two way radios. . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Mmm-hmm. . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Let's really be conscious of that.

SERGEANT AOKI: But like I said, they're assigned to the Parks Department, they're not patrolling the parks like they're supposed to. Just like us, if we weren't patrolling the streets and doing something else there'd be some criticism. . .

MS. ROWLAND: I know (inaudible) harping on the handicap parking um, and I know you're really short of police officers is there anyway that on occasion they could check it out, just in their down moments? Just because it seems to me that just as a preventative kind of thing, if one or two tickets were issued, a week even, and the word got around then that would start to help, you know, its just like a snowball.

The other thing I saw today in the paper, an ad about, not an ad but one of the departments, I think Land and Natural Resources or something from Honolulu put in a big, um, it was almost like an ad in the classified section about the rules that you're supposed to follow for something. And I really think if we did some PR work in terms of what the law is on the handicapped parking and you know, the person, if somebody's driving somebody else that person has to be in the car and they can't use the sticker without it and just really plaster that across the Maui News. It just seems like it would make people aware of it, at least aware of what they're not supposed to be doing.

SERGAENT AOKI: 'Cause I can arrange for one of the reporters. . . to do like a short story on the disabled parking. And the thing is if it's coming from the police, people are yeah, yeah, yeah. But then if we get people from the Committee, that the reporter can interview and maybe he can go out into the field and kind of set stuff up like ah, (inaudible) taking up a space or access aisle or . . .

MS. ROWLAND: That would be great. I mean I'd be happy to work with you on that.

SERGAENT AOKI: Okay.

MR VALENTINE: (Inaudible) based on the guidelines for this Commission, that falls under our (inaudible) where we can initiate that, like he was saying, if it comes from us, it covers everybody. But we have to take the initiative and request to do a . . . meet at in front of Longs or whatever and come to (inaudible) and explain to them why this is a problem. Because the material is there but it needs another entity bring into play and based on the requirements of the County that's us. And we, you know, he helps us out, he's our enforcement arm but we have raise the flag. . .

SERGEANT AOKI: 'Cause I kind of heard you guys have an Awareness thing coming up in October but I don't know if you want to wait that long or maybe just do a short . . .

MS. ROWLAND: No. We don't. . .

MR. VALENTINE: Something (inaudible) parking now. . .

FEMALE: We need to do something before October.

MS. ROWLAND: It would be good to have a build up to October.

SERGEANT AOKI: If you can check with board members, Commission members and check if you guys have any kind of ideas and just kind of put it together and then, I'll give you my card and you can call me when you have things together. You guys can shot emails back and forth to each other. . .

MR. VALENTINE: Yeah, leave that.

MS. ROWLAND: Now is there somebody, a reporter that you work with all the time. . . because. . .

SERGEANT AOKI: Mike Fujimoto.

MS. ROWLAND: Yeah, so I mean, our police department does this all the time so I don't know, um, I just, at this point it's been so long that I hate to hold it up.

SERGEANT AOKI: I'd like to get two views, one from law enforcement part and the other from the people who need the access. . . otherwise it's just one sided with the police 'cause you know we come out with don't drink and drive, everybody says, yeah, don't drink and drive (inaudible). . . you know, I think it has more of an impact if somebody who's got ticketed or somebody in your guys capacity as members of this of Commission to get two sides of the story, I guess.

MS. ROWLAND: I'm happy to take that on.

FEMALE: Okay . . .

MS. ROWLAND: But I'm going to be gone until the beginning of July.

SERGEANT AOKI: Me too.

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MS. ROWLAND: Okay. Yeah so, if you can (inaudible), I don't have my one of charts here but. . .

SERGEANT AOKI: I can get your name (inaudible)

MS. ROWLAND: Is that okay, Norita?

CHAIR DELIMA: Yes.

MR. VALENTINE: And I'll be here to help you with that. . . I agree it needs to be done now. . . I was going to bring that up (inaudible), that's something we can't wait on. (Inaudible) easy thing to do (inaudible).

MS. ROWLAND: We've been discussing it for a while. . . (inaudible) years we've been on this Board. . .

MR. VALENTINE: We got (inaudible) . . . already . . . that out, it's just a matter of reinforcing what (inaudible) you about the handicap parking and emphasize the fact of how it's supposed to enforced and what happens if you don't have the placard and the I.D. card that goes with that placard. 'Cause I pointed out to somebody at the Kahului Community Center just recently, I said if you don't have the person with the card and they come up, it's a \$500 ticket, period. Placard or no placard, it says you have the placard and the I.D. card. My I.D. card is right, it's the first thing you see in wallet. And it's just a - awareness issue, reinforcing the fact that (inaudible) asking people to stand on that.

SERGAENT AOKI: Try see if you can get ideas from other people. . .

FEMALE: Yeah.

MR. VALENTINE: (Inaudible)

SERGAENT AOKI: And, also I can try to get some (inaudible). . . The big issue (inaudible). . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: And that you have someone outside of the Commission. . .

FEMALE: So when do you get back?

SERGEANT AOKI: I get back here June 29<sup>th</sup>. . . I leave Saturday.

FEMALE: Oh, okay, at your parent's, at your Mom's. . .

SERGEANT AOKI: (Inaudible). . . wait for your email.

MS. ROWLAND: . . . (Inaudible) you know in the story, featured in the story, about the importance of why those stalls are necessary.

MR. VALENTINE: Yeah, and that's what we're going to be doing without having police presence but just, (inaudible) ARP does a lot of things community wise, you know (inaudible) news things emphasize certain issues, we can do that without other things. This is a problem and we're here, us, we're here and this is a problem and address it. And we, covered ARP things on different issues and that's, we going (inaudible), this is a problem and it gives us immediate coverage and we (inaudible) on going thing. Parking is never going to get better if we going keep. . .

MS. ROWLAND: Well, (inaudible) suggested too to get somebody from DMV and um, you know, from our Commission, the police, you know, (inaudible) something together with the reporter.

MR. VALENTINE: Wouldn't the handouts be enough? I mean, the stuff they send out about handicap parking, (inaudible) there's a (inaudible) that goes with the application when you get the actual placard in the mail there's a State form (inaudible), it has all the rules listed.

MS. ROWLAND: (Inaudible) if the reporter interviews somebody from the DMV—

SERGAENT AOKI: Basically, like some people they applied for the (inaudible), they don't really qualify for it they (inaudible). . . sign anything they want. Just. . .

MR. VALENTINE: We can argue about this, if there's a sign that unless (inaudible) really big (inaudible)

FEMALE: But by having it on the paper. . .

MR. VALENTINE: Yeah, but, it just (inaudible) DMV, (inaudible) branch, like the one in Kihei or one of the branch managers can do that.

MS. ROWLAND: Let me work on this as soon as I get back. I get back on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. So I'll get a hold of you and then maybe I'll, I'm leaving (inaudible) I think it's the 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll kind of make that our agenda to see what direction we want to (inaudible).

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Mmm-hmm. As to how soon we want to do it. (inaudible) get, we really need to start checking off the goals and . . .

SERGAENT AOKI: Yeah. And another thing, should get pictures and stuff too, eh. I mean, just words is okay but then, if you got stuff that you can put

pictures in, like you know, like I said, we can set something up, like a violation. . . I don't know if anybody, does anybody have a van?

FEMALE: I do.

MR. VALENTINE: (Inaudible)

SERGAENT AOKI: Yeah, we can use that. Show difficult it could be, it is.

MR VALENTINE: One of the things that (inaudible) me, is not only private individuals, some of our agencies sometimes, in error park their vehicles there because they transported somebody who is qualified and those two are (inaudible) and (inaudible) on our minutes but there're agencies that transport persons with the disabilities on this County and they park their vehicles there because they're (inaudible) shopping. Well, they going to park (inaudible) because they took (inaudible). They park legally and then they come back and pick up more (inaudible) at the loading zone.

MS. ROWLAND: Well the other thing is, is it's just transportation vans, delivery vans. (Inaudible) famous for being in the handicapped parking so I think I (inaudible) public education. So tell me again what your again which reporter you work with?

SERGAENT AOKI: Lila

FEMALE: Welcome Mayor.

MAYOR TAVARES: Happy to be here.

MR. VALENTINE: We got something special for you. (Inaudible). . .

MAYOR TAVARES: Thank you, thank you very much.

CHAIR DELIMA: Denny's not here today as our ADA coordinator. Do we have any reports from the (inaudible) institution?

FEMALE: (Inaudible) not here either.

MR. VALENTINE: Andrew Valentine speaking. I (inaudible) last meeting (inaudible) Park which is at the corner of South Kihei Road and Ohukai Road, there's a current remodeling project (inaudible) there about \$500,000 it's been in the books for a while. . . I noticed that dividing the roads and putting curb cuts there was no access to the park itself. With the corrections they're making , the (inaudible) there's going to be (inaudible) parking area, new wall, a ramp and a new pavilion and a, at least one wheelchair van/handicap van parking slot there (inaudible) at

that end, which would be the north end of the park. But on the south end, prior to the curb cut, just roll off the road into the park. Well, (inaudible) meet with Mr. Matsua (?), I'm not saying his name right, it was the Director of Planning and Development Parks Department, took the plans and we met out there, they're going to put a curb cut about half way down, where the access gate for (inaudible) vehicles used to be so that people can roll right in to the park, ground (inaudible) navigate that 4 ½ inch curb. And one of the reasons I brought that up (inaudible) wheelchairs come through that area that everybody not going to come from the south end up to the north end to try to go back toward the beach access area. And we were (inaudible) also a lot of people with baby strollers. I call it the keiki wave because in the afternoons, there's moms and dads going down to the park with baby strollers. If that curb got refigured, you get up to the park easier. And that's also the park where they do a lot of windsurfing so there was a need for it. It was a minor oversight, (inaudible) it's not going to be problem, the builders were there and they're going to take out a section of that curb, slope it up (inaudible) asphalt it, so let it (inaudible) access (inaudible) that way you got two ways to get in and out of the park. And at the very south end where the curb cut ends south (inaudible) sand, they might be able to put a lot of asphalt there and make that south end a little lead in because on (inaudible). . . but they were very cooperative and they're going to get that done so it's open later on this summer. . . we going to have great access. . .

The restrooms are going to be much larger, (inaudible) attention totally ADA accessible, they're going to make sure that the viewing area from the ADA tables that exist on these diagrams, (inaudible) shore (inaudible) is cut down so when you sit there in your chair and watch what's going on. 'Cause right now it's kind of high but in the landscaping they're going to make sure that's done. So it's going to be a good deal.

MS. ROWLAND: Wow, Andrew, thank you. (Inaudible) you mentioned it, the parking, they made those parking curbs with no cuts and . . .

MR. VALENTINE: Yeah, and I immediately (inaudible) next day they would come down there. When I went over the next day, (inaudible) the park, was like ahhh. . . those curbs were there so I called (inaudible) the next day things got rolling. And next on the (inaudible) . . .

MS. ROWLAND: Before we go further, let me say, because we want to bring out awareness so when the park opens, why don't we be there to mention the accessibility and about what had happened, you know, that you went and you asked and it was done quickly. . .

MR. VALENTINE: As soon as I find out when the dedication's going to be 'cause according to the folks it's going to be ready for another two to three

months. But we get down close to that point (inaudible) be sure to let us the Commission know when the dedication's going to take place, 'cause (inaudible) and uh, he said he would let me know when the anticipated date is going to be so we would have time to prepare (inaudible) that stuff, that is this Commission doing that and that's our county charged responsibility so we want to be sure we're meeting some of that. So I won't fail to follow up on that 'cause that's just the beginning of the parks thing.

The other one Mr. Gentley (?) was here about the problem there in Hana what I've been able to do thus far. . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Why don't we update the Mayor on what the problem was in Hana. . . are you aware. . . ?

MAYOR TAVARES: No, not the Hana one.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: The problem was Mr. (inaudible) came by our last meeting and he tried to take I think it was a stroller, with his child in it . . .

FEMALE: And a cooler . . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Yeah, he had a sore back and a cooler down the access road into Hamoa Beach which is owned by Hotel Hana Maui. And apparently there's this agreement in the '70's that the public was going to have access there but the problem has become that the way those steps are tiered, it's very difficult. . . well, obviously a wheelchair can't get down there. If he tried to take his truck down the back behind the pavilion there, which is how they used to let people in for accessibility, well, they completely closed that off and so he with the sore back wasn't able to get down there. And um, anyway, I know it's an issue, not just for him, but a lot of handicapped people that they can't get down to Hamoa Beach. So he raised the issue and so did you follow up on that?

MR. VALENTINE: Yeah. . .

CHAIR DELIMA: Can I say something? Denny wrote a letter to Hotel Hana Maui where we (inaudible) response (inaudible). . .

FEMALE: (Inaudible). . . see what there policy is. . .

MR. VALENTINE: And the other side of that is that I have initiated the process to determine what the agreement really was with the (inaudible) if it was a court ruling, I have an appointment at the law library next week, if it was a court ruling then the current owners are bound by that ruling and it seems like just on the cursory (inaudible) at this point, the current owners may not

be aware that that legal agreement was made in the '70's and may not be aware that they are bound by that because they're telling Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and this thing that you know, they may have liability concerns. And I understand it's changed hands at least twice since then and so somewhere along the line there's probably a court form saying this has to be done and it's gotten overshadowed. So if I can pick that up and (inaudible) Park Department and get a better idea of who may have signed off on it back then so it should be easier to find what court that ruling came out of 'cause if there is actually a court order, it's infinity, understand what I'm saying? This is the court decree, this is when it was done, this is what has to be done, then their attorneys have to go back and re-evaluate whatever they put on paper. . . it is a (inaudible) long process. . .

FEMALE: (Inaudible). . . I'd be surprised if that was by court order in those days.

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MR. VALENTINE: (Inaudible) the case. . . I remember there was a case going (inaudible) on Maui back then because on the Mainland we were like, wow, even in Hawaii they're getting down with this accessibility issues. There was a suit filed back then, I remember that, I just don't know what the outcome was and that was according to some (inaudible) talked to, that was the outcome, one part of the outcome, there were some other things involved, (inaudible) Section 504, there were some other issues but there was a court case filed and historically, a lot of things were resolved before ADA that way. And they faded away because ADA come along and provided enforcement, there was no enforcement in the '70's. The laws were (inaudible) there was no enforcement. Now with ADA there's enforcement so these things don't pop up as much but the books, some of the books is still good.

But that's the two Parks Department reports and as soon as I get some (inaudible) feedback on the actual court number I will relate that to the Chair and make sure you guys are aware that we do have a court ruling. If not, we will take up with the (inaudible) avenue; if there's a court ruling, it makes it easy for us to (inaudible) . . . can say, this is one the books, this was signed by my predecessor during this term and the County agreed to this therefore, you know, our legal counsel let their legal counsel know this is here and will be resolved pretty easily, if not, it's a whole different route I'm trying to negotiate that process. Hopefully, it's already there, makes it easy for the County to resolve it, it's just a matter waving the writ or whatever it's called. . .

MAYOR TAVARES: Actually another thing that needs to occur is that this agreement needs to be registered at the (inaudible) . . .

MR. VALENTINE: Yeah, . . . it. . . apparently it, the communication about it has not been maintained, I'm pretty sure it's gotten buried. So, it's like archaeology, once we dig it up, they we always got King Tut's tomb, you know, (inaudible) look at. . . And you get 'um to follow upon it.

MS. ROWLAND: The problem is that, it's not really accessible. I mean, whether they're granting, they remember that they granted access or not, the beach is not really accessible the way ramps etc. are set up. So given the fact that they're supposed to be accessible, it needs to be fixed by Hotel Hana Maui, I would assume.

MR. VALENTINE: I . . . (Inaudible) Hotel Hana Maui owns the land adjacent to the park, so it's always been private property but before it was under gentleman's agreement, if it's made accessible for (inaudible) space concern the County and the State will negotiate a way to make an access ramp down to that area but the prob. . . either side of that beach is private property and that's not a, not (inaudible) spending money, that's a pretty serious dollar amount to make a ramp accessible situation for the elevation that's required from the parking lot down to that beach where you can negotiate the property owner's to maintain access for persons with disabilities etc. access road otherwise we talking spending \$200,000 of State/County money to make it accessible and that would be a (inaudible) years (inaudible) involvement and then deciding that kind. . . because that makes you (inaudible) quite a project, it can be done, yes, but is that the best use of State and County funds to build a ramp if we can get cooperation of the adjacent property owners. . .

CHAIR DELIMA: Mayor, you have anything to say to us?

MAYOR TAVARES: No, (inaudible). I can follow up on it because with chain Hotel Hana Maui see you get a response to whatever it is, if I can get a copy of that letter that you sent to them and then we can follow up on . . .

MR. VALENTINE: (Inaudible) the first commission is (inaudible) remember that most these things that need to be done, it doesn't matter (inaudible) negotiation, our personal (inaudible) to have the County (inaudible) initiated because that's the charge we have from the (inaudible) County to, we are the vanguard to the Mayor's office or the County Council to get some things evaluated on the table. So we just have to get out there and do a little more, that's a kind of hard for us sometimes but we're the ones that look into the situations and determine the merits of it so we can better advise the Mayor's office on what needs to be done. And if we don't do that, (inaudible) she have to decide to do, she can't do because we haven't done the preliminary groundwork yet. Thank you. . .

CHAIR DELIMA: Mayor, we would like to, we will be doing a (inaudible) and we would like you to participate if possible (inaudible) a representative (inaudible) . . . a couple months or (inaudible) in October . . . (inaudible) . . .

MS. ROWLAND: October is Disability Awareness (inaudible). . . Think of different activities and . . .

CHAIR DELIMA: Do any members have questions for the Mayor?

FEMALE: (Inaudible) . . . go around so that everybody has a chance. . .

MALE: (Inaudible)

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: My . . . there's different things but, this past Memorial Day when I passed by on my way to Lahaina, it was so awesome to see, maybe a hundred tents, out there just along, after the Pali all the way (inaudible) down celebrating with camping and I really would like to see more camp sites being made available because days like that we all know that they weren't out there ticketing and I'm just thinking, I don't think everybody had permits but if we had more parks for such activities and we need, you know, it's, I mean, what I'm speaking of is growing up here, having that access that we used to have to go and camp out at Big Beach and in Hana and all these wonderful places and as we know Maui (inaudible) so along with that is also acquiring more land, where we need to get beach access and we need to save, and really create also parks and have open land. And I do read, I'm not familiar with the park that they're pushing for to keep open land between Spreckelsville and Paia so I'm hoping that we can see more of these places. And one of my places, where I camp out at, is where there's no camping allowed supposedly, we go out by \_\_\_\_\_ and right there, for me, it's awesome. What we, I've learned to do is take big pieces of boards, two of them that fit in my van, actually three and we put it down like the yellow brick road and we lay it down and then I'll go a little bit and then we have the other one and . . . each time we move it so we have this portable ramp and the County park is right there and I'm not sure who owns the property next door, I think maybe A&B. . . so we have used that (inaudible) when the police have come, because we've brought all our camping things out (inaudible) Thanksgiving and that's one of the few places that I can go to and there's a port-a-potty right there that we have access to and I know, I remember reading somewhere or seeing you on Akaku (inaudible) one (inaudible) about, that was a problem but I want to say, it's only a problem because we don't have other places to go to.

MAYOR TAVARES: That part's not a problem, the problem is the parties, the after work parties that go to early in the morning that's right in the park right next to the . . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Oh, in the park. . .

MAYOR TAVARES: In the park, next to the (inaudible) . . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Well, that can be enforced. . .

MAYOR TAVARES: . . . they had a big meeting this last, just, I think last week Friday, to talk with the residents to see. . . and I think Police was there, Parks, representatives from the association, Maalaea association to try to figure out how to resolve the abuse of the park. So, um, there was a rumor going around that A&B was going to donate the land all around and they were going to do this huge park thing. That's not solidified yet, so, or even talked about. . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Oh, that's my dream.

MAYOR TAVARES: There are, you know what we try to do is find areas for campsites and that will provide, you know, a safe camping environment for folks so. . . we did have to close a few of the campsites when I was Parks Director because of the um, assaults and other things that were going on. . . Rainbow Park was one of 'um and that camp site at Baldwin Park was the other one, you know the one that was along the cove?

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Yes.

MAYOR TAVARES: There was a stabbing and some things going on there. So, you know, it's always been my, actually it was my dream, was to provide a camp ground in the (inaudible) beach park area where it would be safe for families to go and actually have 24 hour security there so the people who were camping there would feel, at least that they were safe during the night. . . 'cause now days you just don't know who's going to show up through the night. . . it's just so dangerous. . .

MALE: (Inaudible). . . so many problem areas. . .

FEMALE: (Inaudible) people back in. . . I mean, I know we are looking at (inaudible) area. . .

MAYOR TAVARES: Right, we are.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: I want to say one point that (inaudible) did camp there with our families and we met a group that had been there for weeks and so, because we shared food with them and they got to know us, we had a great weekend although that morning, I guess when we got there they said the police were called because of fights and maybe an assault

by the bathroom and that it happened just the day before we got there. And so the park people told us about that event and so it work out when we established that relationship where they knew who we were and you know, it helped that we were local, I guess and we had families and aunties and uncles and you know, playing music at night, so it was a wonderful event and that weekend it was when, no wind, it was nice, it was beautiful and just for families to have that opportunity. . . I think that was the last (inaudible) weekend, maybe two years ago when aunties and uncles and we haven't done it since. You know, and that's what I like to do. . .

MAYOR TAVARES: Well, many. . .

MS HUE SING-LEDESMA: Yeah, so many of us, just want to. . . you know, we have this beautiful environment and lifestyle where we can go down to the beach and relax on the weekend and just having fun. And so that's my goal, is, I think, I want to work on that committee with Parks and Recreation, I think that will be my focus.

MAYOR TAVARES: Thank you very much.

MS. ROWLAND: Uh, Marquerite Rowland. Since I've been on the Committee for a couple of years, my focus has been handicapped parking issues. And Sergeant Aoki's come so many times and we've tried so hard to get this thing going with the volunteer crew that can go around and monitor the handicapped parking. So as a Commission, um, we're going to try again actively to do publicity with the reporter and Sergeant Aoki and showing what the problem is to kind of educate the public on the handicapped parking issue. But in the meantime, what I have suggested is that I know the police are so short but if even on occasion they could monitor that parking and see who's in there that's not supposed to be there because I think it would be a preventative thing. I mean, the minute the word got around that tickets were going to be issued, I really think the abuse that's going on, just people using those stickers that don't, you know, they don't have the handicapped person in the car, um, not resolve it but it would help.

And the other idea we've had is putting in the paper the laws as they existed on handicapped parking so that people are more aware that they're eligible for fines or whatever if they're in that parking.

MAYOR TAVARES: Do the people who park there know that they're not supposed to park there?

MALE: Yes, they park there.

MS. ROWLAND: But if there's enforcement . . .

MAYOR TAVARES: There's no enforcement . . . Oh, it was only two seconds I was going to be out there, all the lame excuses they come up with.

MS. ROWLAND: And I mean what we're talking about, you know, trucks and delivery trucks and I mean, there are all sorts of people who go in those handicapped stalls but it's just a continuing, on going problem and there's just no enforcement so it makes it really difficult for people to think that something's going to happen if they're in there.

MAYOR TAVARES: Is there a particular hot bed areas that are worse than others?

MS. ROWLAND: Long's, . . .

MR. VALENTINE: Usually by Long's Drugs. . .

MS. ROWLAND: Long's, Costco, Wal-Mart. . . I mean, I think no matter where you go, you're going to find them.

CHAIR DELIMA: I see, where Long's they had a County official car parked on the line. . .

FEMALE: What lines?

SEVERAL VOICES: . . . access aisle . . .

UNKNOWN: So did you get the license plate number?

CHAIR DELIMA: No.

MAYOR TAVARES: Okay, (inaudible) jot down the license plate number and let us know, especially because County vehicles or any kind of vehicles, you know, I'm going to. . . (inaudible)

FEMALE: (inaudible)

MAYOR TAVARES: Yeah, I've been on the job for five months and 10 days. . . laughter. . . (inaudible). . . so many things at once, but there are (inaudible), that's one of the issues and I want to try and work something out with motor vehicles and come out with a campaign where people will call in or write in that they saw this car with this license plate number, this date, this time and location that we're doing something that's not necessarily a ticketing process but an education process and then we would send letters to those folks saying that it was observed such and

such, without naming names or anything so that people don't have the fear of recognition if they do report somebody for not (inaudible) or something like that. So that's one of the things I'm working on.

One of the other things I would like to work on is the - regarding parking lots is to do away with compact stalls altogether because what I'm seeing a lot of cars, bigger ones, trucks, use two parking spaces. They use the line as to line up their hood ornament on so they're into two spaces. So I think we've gotten to a time where it's, we know it doesn't work because the compact cars park in the regular stalls because they're wider so that only leaves compact for the other folks who say, oh it's too small for my truck so I'm going to park in the middle. So that's erasing one stall already, so, we'll be meeting with the merchants' associations for the shopping centers and the big stores and stuff like that and see. Costco's parking lot, they're all, there's no compact stalls, they just made them all regular, in fact, oversized because most people are hauling a whole lot of stuff out of that store anyway. But we'll work on some of that stuff through of Office of Economic Development so there's a few little projects that we will be getting, you know, get some of my pet peeves over the years . . .

MS. ROWLAND: I think so much of it is education, I mean, it's just. . . they've gotten away with it for so long that between enforcement and education it's seems like it has to improve.

MR. VALENTINE: It's a matter of reminding. . . they know but nobody's done anything about it in so long that, they say oh, we can get away with this. . . (inaudible) if somebody's reminding them that this is the guy driving and I (inaudible) my peers on the Mainland say that's how they get most things done, they contact the realtors, the board (inaudible), the owners, say are you aware this is happening on your lot? And at the Kmart in the Midwest, we contacted Kmart about the problem so Kmart started having their people watching those spaces because we have also pregnancy spaces, pregnant mom spaces.

UNKNOWN: Oh, yeah?

MR. VALENTINE: So disabled parking and pregnant mom spaces so (inaudible) if somebody didn't have the right whatever for that spot, they go back and tell the manager, you know will the person driving a blah-blah-blah. . . please move your vehicle etc. and etc. (Inaudible) respond because now, everybody knows somebody's going out to move a vehicle. (Inaudible) parking lot, who's going where and it's just a matter of awareness. And that's going to be one of my questions so that you know, how those kind of things go. . .

My concern is what can we as a Commission do to help you (inaudible). . . I read our guidelines very closely and we don't have much precedent, I guess at this point, but we can we do to help the County do to address our area or any area. I don't want to be on a Commission just sitting here.

MAYOR TAVARES: No, it's just like what you're doing now, you have concerns about certain things, like the handicapped parking, you know, Denny, I think he's on vacation that's why he's not here, unfortunately, we have a one person office. . . he reports back to the managing director . . .

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MALE: . . .we've working on park accessibility at the time and that was over ten years ago. . . laughter. . .

MR. VALENTINE: I think it's older than that (inaudible) agree who was involved with that long reach planning because if I got three more park plans to look at (inaudible) because I want to be sure that (inaudible) because (inaudible) we need the parks and look at the plans that are already approved when they start the construction work if there are minor tweaking things that can be done it can be noted before you dig that second shovel of dirt . . .

MAYOR TAVARES: Do you folks review the plans now?

MR. VALENTINE: Yeah, I'm doing it (inaudible).

MAYOR TAVARES: No, I mean as a matter of procedure (inaudible). . .

VARIOUS VOICES: No.

MR. VALENTINE: No, that's why I started.

MAYOR TAVARES: I know they go to one organization, the State organization reviews the plans.

MR. VALENTINE: That's why I started. Norita was getting on me about those things (inaudible). . . I'm going to contact them and find out and went. And that's why I'm having. . . we don't see those, and some of those things, I told Norita just recently some of those plans were approved or initiated as much as five, some its ten years ago, were approved to be done five years ago and now just this year because of budgetary constraints (inaudible) and now they're starting to do it. And nobody from our area has even seen it to say, oh you, because we could have caught it at the drawing stage rather than at the digging stage.

MAYOR TAVARES: Mmm-hmm, exactly. Well, I think it's good that you're being vigilant about when you do notice something that you do take some action right away, you know, call somebody or whatever and that (inaudible). . .

MR. VALENTINE: I'm a (inaudible). . . we had a good meeting, three meetings and he was very responsive, he said, we got in some of the things and he said I want to know because that's how we going to know what's coming up because our constituents don't know until they get there and they're disappointed because they can't get to the park, with my daughter, my friend or whatever. . .

MAYOR TAVARES: It was this Commission that helped us develop the priorities for the parks accessibility for the County so you were very active. . .

MR. VALENTINE: So we got the (inaudible) we not involved now. . . (inaudible)

FEMALE: Well I think the other thing is that everybody just about, who's on the Commission now wasn't on the Commission. . . so we had no idea that that was even on the. . .

MAYOR TAVARES: Right, but it was a project and the project was completed so. . .

MR. VALENTINE: It should be in the minutes somewhere. . .

MAYOR TAVARES: . . . Then it got revived, well, in recent years, because there was a lawsuit. And because of that lawsuit, part of the settlement was that the plans would be updated and re-gone through and I think that happened maybe four years ago. . . the Shift(?) case? (Inaudible) So that case that drove the whole lot and we're still, every year there is money put into the Parks Department budget specifically to address the settlement agreements from that case. So we still have monies every year. . .

MR. VALENTINE: So we could be requesting ah, updates or some documentation from the past (inaudible) to build on.

MAYOR TAVARES: So if you can put in minutes about that, the compliance reports for the Parks Department copies of that should be submitted to the Commission also. So that you folks can keep track of what's going on. And maybe ask for the back ones. . .

MR. VALENTINE: That would give us a foundation, yeah. . . (inaudible) to work with.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA : I'm wondering, I think it's so remarkable that you caught that and within days, you know, while that process was being

(inaudible) he, they were able to get right in there and make the adjustments.

MR. VALENTINE: Well, I called Dennis and (inaudible) to one of the engineers and Pat got involved and I just saw, what I knew, because I know how it works. . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: So I'm wondering since we're trying to get awareness out there, can that be something, an article featured in the paper. . .

UNKNOWN: Yes. . . yes

MR. VALENTINE: (Inaudible). . . without you guys saying so, I (inaudible). . . I want to do that but I can't, as a Commission member, I can't initiate outside stuff without, by our guidelines without coming to the Commission first.

MAYOR TAVARES: I think it would be probably a good idea is to do some sort of arrange for an interview or something before the park opens (inaudible). . . so that there'll be an article just about that and then it's not just mixed up with the whole opening. And if you contact, I think Melissa Tanji is the one who - or contact Ed Tanji at the Maui News and see which, who he would assign to a story like that.

MR. VALENTINE: Pat said he would let me know when the plans for dedication had been set, and with that I was going to then request that we do something so the (inaudible). . .

FEMALE: Right.

MR. VALENTINE: And (inaudible) with the Mayor's permission and be there because that's our input . . .

MAYOR TAVARES: That's a good way to get the word out too 'cause there'll be coverage on that since it's been such a long standing project.

MR. VALENTINE: What's that reporter's name?

MAYOR TAVARES: Tanji, Ed Tanji. T-A-N-J-I at the Maui News. He's the editor and he's the one who assigns the (inaudible) reporters to. . . so it might be Claudine or Melissa 'cause I think they cover some of those. . .

MS. ROWLAND: Can I bring up one other thing?

MAYOR TAVARES: Sure.

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MS. ROWLAND: In, I don't want to say the old days, but a year ago, we had a secretary to this Commission that would condense as we were speaking whereas now we're getting these. . .

MR. VALENTINE: Verbatim.

MS. ROWLAND: . . . long, long notes and (inaudible) doing such a beautiful job on it, it's hard to criticize but at the same time we're using a huge amount of paper and he's very kindly gone to using both sides of the paper but my question is twofold: one is, what is the chance of our getting a secretary for this Commission and the second question is can all the County paper be, do things two-sided?

MAYOR TAVARES: We're supposed to be doing two-sided (inaudible). . . to save paper. Who's recording today?

FEMALE: Tape recorder.

MAYOR TAVARES: Oh, you have a tape recorder, okay.

MS. ROWLAND: So in other words, it's done verbatim and it's just page after page which is, just must be a huge amount of work. . .

MAYOR TAVARES: Well, actually we have this discussion with the Council about verbatim minutes versus summary minutes what you're talking about and what it boils down to is if a question comes up, or a lawsuit, or a claim comes up, they don't accept summary minutes as readily as they do verbatim minutes. So even us at the Council, because talk about paper, you know, our meetings are hours and hours and days long so they reports are like that thick, front and back but it really has turned out, I guess on the long run, a better way to do it because then you've got the verbatim stuff. But we're going to be talking and try to see, because we've gotten requests from other commissions about who's assigned to it and what kinds of minutes they'll take so we'll come up with our policy, discuss it with the departments and with the various commissions and see what it is that they want to do. Some commissions, like Planning Commission, you have to have verbatim minutes but maybe some other commissions can go with summary. Summary minutes are harder to write actually than verbatim 'cause you have to make a judgment call about is that important or not so a lot of times it's easier just to do verbatim.

MR. VALENTINE: I see they're point.

MS. ROWLAND: I'm just concerned about the paper.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Well, we did request that it be put on the website (inaudible). . . it's available. So that's a good way to look at it ahead of time before we come to meetings and no paper is involved.

MR. VALENTINE: Right, and then just have a summary copy at the actual meeting itself. It's on the website, (inaudible). . . verbatim and then for our purpose, at the physical meeting maybe just have a summary copy.

FEMALE: Inaudible.

MR. VALENTINE: But those. . . there's a way we can, we're not that big so it's easier to (inaudible).

CHAIR DELIMA: Well, Mayor we'd like to thank you for your time.

FEMALE: Anything else?

MS. ROWLAND: Are there any things that you want us to know that we should be doing?

MAYOR TAVARES: Well, what you're doing is what I envisioned that this Commission would do and I still follow up on compliance with ADA regulations and to highlight hotspots where things aren't happening or you discover something like you did and get on it right away so that some changes can be made that don't cost money. You get it when it's on the paper, it's the least amount of money then if you had concrete poured already. And issues like handicapped parking stalls, markings, enforcement these kinds of things, so you know, you folks are the eyes and ears of the community and to help us understand . . . and a lot of it is people just don't, they don't think, they don't know. Until one time, something happens to them and they need some help and they need those parking spaces, then they get an appreciation of why those parking spaces should be used the way they were intended to be used. So it's not just, you know, disabilities that people have that are permanent, it's people that have disabilities on a temporary basis also that need the kinds of assistance (inaudible), you've got able bodied moms and dads with kids in strollers, where there's nothing about them being disabled but they're access is handicapped, or they're blocked or they're whatever.

So a lot times, you know, I guess the famous story I tell is about the upcountry community center, Hannibal Tavares Center, I was the Parks Director when that was under design and the architects wanted to put the building closer to Pukalani Street and that was going to be the top of the street 'cause it was closer to the infrastructure, which is on the road and that meant we had to do all this kind of stuff because a two story building now is going to be a challenge because you would have to go up steps or

ramps to get to the main meeting room. So I had suggested to them to move it down, whatever feet it is, so you could have a parking lot on the top for the top meeting room and a parking lot on the bottom for the bottom meeting room. And it went all to the mayor at the time who was my father and he said this makes sense to me, so he said it made sense for him so he made them change it. So it's things like that when you think, you know, before you start putting things on paper, think about how are people going to get in and out of the building and I didn't want any steps because steps, if you notice there, it's like a port courtre, it's just easier to get (inaudible) the parking lot and you just go straight into the building. There's a slight, very slight slope, you can hardly tell it's there. But it's because we have older folks who have young kids or children and steps are hard for them. So the more things we can build without steps, the better. And that's a design consideration, you know, people just need to be made aware of it.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: I didn't realize that it was changed from the original design and how, whenever I have to go there, it's easy. . . (inaudible).  
And I've been to the downstairs area too, parking right there. . . very nice.

MR. VALENTINE: (Inaudible)

MAYOR TAVARES: And they still have the ramp that connects the bottom and the top 'cause we have to put it in anyway. But that's fine because people do go back and forth sometimes but the main thing is that we wanted to make it as easily accessible as possible. And it just meant that we had to put so many more feet in the height than we were going to but the cost of that height is far less the suit or whatever else might come about (inaudible) convenience for the users.

MR. VALENTINE: I've got a question for you. (Inaudible) entire council, commission. Is it possible, (inaudible), is it possible that the current ADA regulations as published by (inaudible) be okay with you? I found it, it's on CD and we get a copy of it so when we have questions about various things around the County we can go to the current issue to look at, I got one (inaudible) myself, it could be available to us, (inaudible) everybody a copy, it comes with a copy of the ADA handbook. We should ask permission if we should have as much printed material or audio material possible addressing ADA so that when we go out or ask questions or plan our cabinet hearing or our meetings or whatever we have the current regs right before us so we can either put it in somebody's hands or discuss it with ourselves which requirements we talking about and we don't have that, it makes it harder for us to even discuss it (inaudible) we need to have the factual stuff in front of us.

MAYOR TAVARES: Is this the first time you're bringing this up?

SEVERAL VOICES AFFIRM. . .

MR. VALENTINE: Yes. I see that nobody has that. I have the background. You know, I'm new but they didn't have that. So I ordered just on my own.

MAYOR TAVARES: Anytime you know, where you have specific request like that, you can just write a letter to me and request it and we can follow up on it.

MR. VALENTINE: Okay.

FEMALE: (Inaudible)

MAYOR TAVARES: Are there any other issues that come up, you know, besides, you know (inaudible) putting it in his report, you can write to me anytime as a Commission, saying that you know, we have an interest in this particular (inaudible) or number of them or whatever (inaudible) and you like some information on and we can help you get that. You need the tools with which to (inaudible).

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Well that made me go into thinking that Denny's (?) office (inaudible) would there be a (inaudible) available? . . .

CHAIR DELIMA: Did you go up to Denny about that?

MR. VALENTINE: No because (inaudible)

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: . . . (inaudible) where we could access information with the (inaudible). . .

MAYOR TAVARES: (Inaudible). . . probably can. I'll find out from Denny if he even, if he has a laptop that we can bring up to the meeting with the CD's for the regulations and you know, he can look it up or somebody can look it up and you're discussing things so that you got an easy reference so you don't have to haul your books around with you or whatever it turns out to be. That's pretty small (inaudible). . .

MR. VALENTINE: This is what the. . . (inaudible) office had readily available and they got other things available and I saw this and thought this would be great, just a general handbook to carry around but the other things I wouldn't carry (inaudible) get here but it needs to be readily accessible to Commission at large. . . (inaudible)

MAYOR TAVARES: And those kind of reference materials like (inaudible) can be kept for Commission meetings, just brought down here for your

meetings so you don't have to carry it back and forth . . . (inaudible). So just put that stuff in a letter to me so we can discuss it and see what we can do. Mr. Kushi, are you regularly assigned to this committee?

MR. KUSHI: Right.

MAYOR TAVARES: Have you seen the regs for ADA?

MR. KUSHI: No.

MAYOR TAVARES: Because you know there several sets of them. . . (inaudible) it's not just one thing.

MR. KUSHI: It's hard to get updated too but I rely on Denny.

VARIOUS VOICES TALKING AT ONCE – Inaudible

MAYOR TAVARES: If you give me, if you send me that letter then I'll give it to the Managing Director and she has regular meetings with her staff and Denny's one of them and she can go over with him what can we do about this, what does he already have, maybe he already has it . . .

MR. VALENTINE: You got so many departments and there's literally is a different – for each of your County departments (inaudible) looked at and maybe he does, he has so much as one person.

MAYOR TAVARES: Because we did one just for Parks, you know just took the part out about recreation facilities and programs, we took that out of the regulations and made our own handbook for the Parks Department. . . which probably hasn't been updated since I was there.

MR. VALENTINE: Then it still applies.

Group laughter. . .

MAYOR TAVARES: That was easy.

CHAIR DELIMA: Thank you for your time.

MAYOR TAVARES: Well, thank you. Thank you folks for the work that you do. It's very, very important to us because we can't be everywhere doing everything so we really rely on these boards and commissions, yours especially 'cause you're so specialized, it really is a big help and it's helped us through the years (inaudible). . . Thank you for serving, we really appreciate it. And we'll try to get, I think there's some openings on this committee? We'll try and get those filled so if you feel – if you know

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people who you think would like to serve on the Committee send me up their names so I can contact them and have them fill out applications.

CHAIR DELIMA: I was thinking. . . I was going to look into it anyway to see, to talk to a Council person from Lanai to see if he knows anybody from Lanai to represent Lanai.

MAYOR TAVARES: Uh-huh. Yeah, we usually ask (inaudible) for the Lanai representatives and I notice we have one from Molokai? . . .

CHAIR DELIMA: Yeah, she couldn't make it today. She (inaudible) writing me a letter to (inaudible) she has concerns on Molokai.

MAYOR TAVARES: Oh, okay. But she's been appointed already? Okay, so that one's (inaudible).

CHAIR DELIMA: But we have one for Molokai open and –

MAYOR TAVARES: Okay, I'll double check on that, 'cause when we work on boards and commissions appointments all the time, I had made a little plea at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week to have people who are interested apply to apply. We don't have business community leaders represented very well on our boards and commissions so it's – you know, apply for what you think you might be interested in and see what happens.

MR. VALENTINE: Is there protocol if we see something that addresses, let's say (inaudible) at Costco, is there a protocol who can ask Costco questions about their parking guidelines or whatever . . .

MAYOR VALENTINE: It would come through my office.

MR. VALENTINE: Oh, so we should contact you and say anything to them directly. Sometimes I (inaudible) personal contact uh, resolves (inaudible) say did you know this was going on? Sometimes, it just that they're not aware or didn't know or thought somebody else was taking care of it and by saying you know, well, Miss Norita did you know this was like this out here? Oh it is? And . . . (inaudible)

MAYOR TAVARES: Well, if you're there and you report it that's fine but if you want an official action (inaudible). . .

MR. VALENTINE: But we can say something in an unofficial capacity, it's okay for us to say things, that's my question.

MAYOR TAVARES: Yeah.

MALE: Just talk to the right person.

MR. VALENTINE: Yeah, if you can find out who the right person is. I know the official job, or the unofficial, sometimes you catch them in a relaxed mode they're more likely to do it 'cause there's no hammer over their head.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: If you identify yourself. . . (inaudible) and not as a commissioner (inaudible) you come back and then it would be a formal process.

MAYOR TAVARES: You could have multi-prong approach to solve it.

MR. VALENTINE: Yes, yes, that's the term. Thank you.

MAYOR TAVARES: Well, thank you very much and once again, thank you for your work. Any time you want me to come down to discuss a particular (inaudible) feel free to let Denny know and he can let me know and we can try to schedule it in (inaudible) folks. Have a good afternoon.

GROUP: THANK YOU TO MAYOR

CHAIR DELIMA: You folks have anything to add to on to short or long term goals? I have for next month accessible parking in Paia to be revisited and accessible parking stalls . . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: (Inaudible) report to us about also the (inaudible) parking . . .

MS. ROWLAND: Yeah, I mean we're going to just get rolling on that.

CHAIR DELIMA: I'm just going to put that under the new business so that we know.

FEMALE: That's great. Yeah.

CHAIR DELIMA: Is there anything else that you want to put under new business for next month?

MS. : Andrew? Anything else for parks and regs?

MR. VALENTINE: I would have – keep parks and regs open because I've got a meeting scheduled with Pat again about other parks but also I want to make sure MEO is on there because I've requested from a couple – agencies on the Mainland current guidelines on wheelchair securement and what you call it, the (inaudible) response (inaudible) us. The (inaudible) response scheduling of their buses and hours and so forth so

I'm expecting some mail on that so we can be sure that MEO is going along with the national guidelines for that.

But I know they're not on securement and I'm concerned about how their drivers are trained because each driver is doing something slightly different when I ride the bus. And I noticed on Robert's that they'll say, I don't need to tie you down do I? And this happened to me just last Sunday – I was on my scooter and (inaudible) and then he didn't know, he was trying to tie me down with a shoulder harness strap that's on the floor (inaudible) one side, (inaudible) no, you got to have the gray strap, he's like gray strap? He started digging through his boxes and found - (inaudible) those are the straps, these are for this, this is for that, they don't know which straps to use and then I've noticed (inaudible) secure me when (inaudible) scooter or a chair. A couple of occasions (inaudible) because they had people sitting in those front seats and they want to have people move (inaudible) seat up like ADA requires. So I think that's why we should get the ADA guidelines find out what comparable markets like Maui are doing (inaudible). Here are the guidelines, here's the standard, what can we do to meet this?

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Why don't we put that on the agenda for next time?

MS. ROWLAND: We need to invite MEO and Robert's.

MR. VALENTINE: We need to invite both of them and I was going to present to (inaudible) specific questions that they are skirting the ADA (inaudible). . . reading on the things based on that go on that we aren't doing, they have a good reason but it's not a valid reason and ADA has a clause that states, that your company's policy, the policy does not exempt them from doing A, B, C or D.

MS. ROWLAND: I think what we should do is be careful that we don't schedule all these things on one meeting – I mean . . .

CHAIR DELIMA: Well, the only thing I, the only reason I put accessible parking in Paia because, was because Mr. umm. . Mr. River(?) asked me to.

MS. ROWLAND: Yeah, that's right.

CHAIR DELIMA: You know, he would come next month and explain what the problem was.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: And Mr. River is a . . . ?

FEMALE: Commissioner.

MALE: Oh, that's right.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Oh, okay.

MR. VALENTINE: It's just those three things, right? Parking, MEO and I'll just make a report of the parks and recreation, it won't be (inaudible), I'll just give you an update of what I found out at the appointment, we don't need to. . . (inaudible)

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: And also the Homoa (?) Bay. . .

MR. VALENTINE: That's an on-going until we get a resolution . . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: We need to have that on the agenda because the response is supposed to come back before . . .

MR. VALENTINE: Yeah, should be getting back . . . when he gets back I'll ask him if he's got anything on that but Homoa Bay is probably an on-going thing for us until we get it resolved but ultimately it may require some State input because of the way the geographics of that area is.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Oh, I would like to ask can we put Peter Dirkson(?) on – he's the Maui County Council on Aging and he has a lifespan housing policy. . . initiative that he wants to have supported.

MS. ROWLAND: Should we put him on the following month or is that too late? I mean, I just. . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: I'm not sure. . .

MR. VALENTINE: That's the guy who was at the thing on housing . . . housing is a major Maui thing, we probably need to address it as soon as possible. Maybe not (inaudible) if we have, in the future we have issues maybe considerable (inaudible) time minutes on discussion time. They do it at County Council and if we can exceed that time or we can cut it off, we will (inaudible) keep moving.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Yeah, so maybe we should have him come in on the August meeting. . .

MS. ROWLAND: If there's no pressing on it. . .

CHAIR DELIMA: If there's no pressing. . . (inaudible)

MR. VALENTINE: Talk to him.

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MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: I know he's eager to present it but if don't. . .

MR. VALENTINE: I think he mentioned something about. . . some grant coming up and there maybe some deadlines for his grant presentation or whatever. . . if you find out, let us know if (inaudible) date, deadline things that we need to be aware of.

FEMALE: (Inaudible)

CHAIR DELIMA: The only announcement I have is any of your, any Commissioner want to do anything please go through Denny first. 'Cause I'm only the Chair and I'm working with him.

MR. VALENTINE: Explain that – you say go through him first.

CHAIR DELIMA: Because he works above us so if I don't know anything then I got to ask him as far as policy, right director? Isn't he director?

MR. KUSHI: (Inaudible) . . . policy protocol.

MS. ROWLAND: I think that's really important.

CHAIR DELIMA: Because when we want to (inaudible) we have to follow protocol procedures.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: They can't move 'til it's brought to the (inaudible). . .

MR. VALENTINE: Yeah, as Chair we need to contact you first because if anything's going out comes through this Commission even if though we have to take time for you to find out that's (inaudible). . . If the Chair isn't aware where the Commission's got an interest or a concern going to our ADA coordinator or someone else in the County doesn't go anywhere. 'Cause you as Chair are responsible for knowing what's happening, you going to know the specifics of what to do or needs to be done. 'Cause you are the signatory for this Commission, even though you don't know all the facts, we have to let you know this is my concern, even though you need to talk to somebody else afterwards , we should notify you as Chair.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: I think Andrew, maybe instead of, what we need to do is not to be calling people at home and bring it here to the meeting, it's discussed and we follow those formal, that process.

CHAIR DELIMA: Okay.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Or act as an individual, (inaudible) as a private citizen.

MR. VALENTINE: You can as a private citizen.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: I know (inaudible)

MR. VALENTINE: There are laws to do that. . .

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: I read that (inaudible). . .

MR. VALENTINE: When you represent the Commission then you have a responsibilities. . . so you know if it's an issue that concerns this Commission we have to present ourselves as a member of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities 'cause we are – represent a – a sworn representative of the County and the Mayor.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: So therefore, it needs to always come to the Commission. . .

MR. VALENTINE: So we need to communicate it by whatever means necessary to get things rolling and we can't resolve anything except at these meetings but we can do the investigatory process prior to the meeting.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: Can we?

MR. KUSHI: Yeah, I'm assuming that you know, like Andrew's work with parks, I'm assuming at one meeting previously, the Committee appointed him to do . . .

MR. VALENTINE: I just did it on my - as a Commission member, I popped the question, they just referred me to him and I just went from there. 'Cause we read these guidelines, it says we're supposed to be the ones, Commission members are the ones that ask – do the investigation, hold hearings etc., etc.. etc. How can you find out if you don't go out and call (inaudible) and find out. . .

MR. KUSHI: No, wait, wait, wait.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: You contacted Dennis first . . .so you went (inaudible). . .

CHAIR DELIMA: That's what I'm saying . . .

MR. VALENTINE: I told him my issue, he said call this person and it just went from there.

MS. ROWLAND: Well, the other thing is though, I thought it was supposed to be discussed here first that this is an issue that we as a Commission are going to address and then each individual, okay, you do that and you do that.

MR. VALENTINE: It doesn't say in the guidelines – we don't have any administrative guidelines or protocol for our Commission and we need to have that but based on what it said responsibilities and (inaudible) commission members (inaudible) inquire but it also says each commission should have administrative guidelines for its different commissions and we don't have that. Except for the -

MR. KUSHI: You do. You do (inaudible). . .

MR. VALENTINE: Nobody ever give it to us.

MR. KUSHI: . . . rules and regulations in your booklet, you should have that.

MR. VALENTINE: For this Commission?

FEMALE: (Inaudible)

MR. VALENTINE: (Inaudible). . . it also makes a separate one for each individual commission that can be modify, modeled after this stuff that you guys sent out.

MS. HUE SING-LEDESMA: (Inaudible) pages - I think there's another book then that we don't (inaudible). . .

MR. VALENTINE: If there's something else in addition to the same (inaudible) commission members and our, this general provisions (inaudible) – articles and general provisions and code of ethics that's all we have.

MR. KUSHI: No, you have - maybe you don't have it here but you should have it.

MR. VALENTINE: This is all I was sent – that's why it's in this booklet.

CHAIR DELMA: Can you please get us a copy, sir?

MR. VALENTINE: If there's something else we should have, please.

MR. KUSHI: 'Kay, why don't you put this on your next meeting – discussion with Corp. Counsel regarding your administrative rules and regulations.

MR. VALENTINE: Thank you.

MR. KUSHI: And we'll clear this up once and for all.

CHAIR DELIMA: Thank you – 'cause I don't want no problems (inaudible).

MR. VALENTINE: Is there, on the County's website what you're talking about?

MR. KUSHI: Right now, look at it.

CHAIR DELIMA: I'm adjourning the meeting at 3:25pm. The next meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup> at two o'clock. Thank you.

MR. VALENTINE: Same place, same time?

CHAIR DELIMA: Not 2 o'clock, 1 o'clock.

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Respectfully submitted,

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