



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2015, 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Cameron Center, Conference Room #1
95 Mahalani St., Wailuku, HI 96793

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Gabriel Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. in Cameron Center, Conference Room #1 at 95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, HI 96793.

Commissioners present included: Faraz Azizsoltani, Kevin Souza, Mikey Tomita, Vivian Lindsey and Sheila "Mililani" Villanueva.

Commissioners excused included: Kealoha Laemoa and David Courson.

Commissioner Valentine was absent.

Staff present included Nalani Podlewski, Secretary.

Guests present included Denise Green (sign interpreter); Rob Tarver of D.D. Council.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 18, 2015

Vice-Chair Johnson asked if any revisions to minutes were needed. None offered. Commissioner Azizsoltani introduced a MOTION to approve minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner Tomita. Vice-Chair Johnson opened discussion, none. Vice-Chair Johnson called for the vote, all in favor, no opposition, MOTION CARRIED.

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

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on Paratransit Transportation ridership, reservations and process:

Commissioner Lindsey shared that a Riders Forum meeting was held to explain different services provided by Maui Bus, MEO Paratransit Transportation, as well as MEO Human Services. ADA was also present to review protocols, rules and regulations.

Commissioner Lindsey reported that one rule that takes effect immediately is that MEO needs to honor the “courtesy call” to advise a rider that the bus will arrive in five minutes. She also mentioned that reasonable accommodations need to be made that if the bus is passing a rider’s home to first drop off another rider, the driver must drop off the closest rider first.

Commissioner Lindsey read from her notes and cited the ADA as the source. She reported that a public entity is required to offer persons with disabilities complementary paratransit services whenever a fixed route is offered to the public; services must be available same days and hours as fixed route; service can be curb-to-curb or door-to-door depending on the provider; and paratransit is generally a shared ride service.

She also read from PowerPoint slides that eligibility certification is done every 1 to 3 years; procedure must be establish for appeal process for denial; 3) regulation allows for suspension for no-shows; paratransit services provided up to 21 days in a year; service is available $\frac{3}{4}$ mile outside of fixed route, can go up to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ mile, though the Department of Transportation will not extend or add additional routes until they are able to meet the current requirements; fares can be

comparable to conventional fees; the agency cannot impose capacity constraints on availability of paratransit, no waitlist; cannot limit number of times a person can use the service; cannot denying service because vehicle is not at maximum capacity.

Ms. Podlewski requested that Commissioner Lindsey submit a copy of the PowerPoint slides for distribution to all commissioners. Commissioner Lindsey replied that she will try to print the slides.

- b. Public Works input re curb cuts and lack of sidewalks fronting the Kahului Fire Stations:

Vice-Chair Johnson noted that no representative was present.

Ms. Podlewski advised the commission that the invitation letter to Public Works was sent on July 7th and due to the short notice, the request was made to ask the representative to attend the August 13th meeting. She further added that Director Goode has confirmed his attendance at the August 13th meeting.

Commissioner Tomita reported that in Kihei, there are yellow flashing lights at crosswalks near Kamaole II and III; he stated that he is impressed with the safety improvement and wonders which agency is responsible. Vice-Chair Johnson commented that this may be needed in Lahaina due to the amount of foot traffic.

Commissioner Tomita also commented that the curb cuts or yellow bumps at corners may be too many, some are not being used and perhaps lights would be more effective. Vice-Chair Johnson added that the yellow bumps may be required by law, though both bumps and lights would be great.

- c. Lack of access fronting Lanai Post Office:

Vice-Chair Johnson submitted photographs of Lanai Post Office in which he described: 1) the top left photo is of the front of the post office; he explained that the white lines marks

a 10 minute loading zone that is 90 degree angle to the accessible stall and when it is being used, the accessible stall is blocked; 2) the top right photo shows another accessible stall. 3) the bottom left photo is the end of the handicapped ramp which drops about a foot; 4) the fourth photo is not of the post office but of Pulama Lanai headquarters that has no accessible stalls in the entire parking lot.

[Linden Joesting, Deputy Corporation Counsel arrived at 1:05pm]

Vice-Chair Johnson explained that he spoke with a different postmaster who is willing to repaint the accessible aisles and is open to recommendations. Commissioner Azizoltani commented that repainting the stalls will probably result in the one less stall. No recommendations were made. Vice-Chair Johnson stated that he will speak with the postmaster about repainting the stalls at an angle.

Vice-Chair Johnson shared that there is no mail delivery on Lanai so all residents have a post office box; in addition the MEO bus driver parallel parks and blocks both of the handicapped stalls at the post office.

Commissioner Azizoltani questioned how parking is handled at Pulama Lanai. Vice-Chair Johnson explained that he wrote a letter to Pulama Lanai about accessible parking and they responded that anyone can use the parking stalls. He acknowledged that almost 99% of the time that no one parks there but that there is no designated stall. Vice-Chair Johnson explained that in the photo where the black car is parked is a parking stall, the white line behind indicates no-parking and there is another stall in front. Commissioner Tomita asked if the property was privately owned and questioned if handicapped stalls are required. He suggested that the commission ask Mr. Schwind, ADA Coordinator to look at the photos and provide feedback on how to handle both post office and Pulama Lanai issues.

Commissioner Lindsey shared that the “wheelers” are going to Lanai by ferry but the MEO buses currently cannot

accommodate them on island. Ms. Joesting suggested that the group contact MEO ahead of time.

d. Kalaupapa General Plan update.

Deferred by Vice-Chair Johnson.

Commissioner Tomita requested a short recess. Vice-Chair Johnson asked commissioner if there were any objection, none expressed. Recess called at 1:28 p.m.

[RECESS]

Vice-Chair Johnson called meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Training for all commission members

Ms. Joesting gave a brief history of parliamentary law which provides rules of how to conduct business based on English Parliament; overtime it was adopted in America and codified as Roberts Rules of Order.

She explained that some boards and commissions formally adopt these rules to conduct meetings, but that it can get complex unless all members are trained in parliamentary procedure. She shared a handout which outlines the principles of parliamentary law, reminders for presiding officer and motions, as well as a chart of motions.

Ms. Joesting added that the goals of parliamentary law is to treat each other fairly, listen to each other fully and have a debate on the different issues; the procedure is the goal, but not necessarily the outcome, and if the process is followed, the decision should be arrived at fairly.

Commissioner Tomita asked if a record is kept of how members vote. Ms. Joesting replied that votes are recorded in the minutes. Commissioner Tomita also asked if the vote is recorded when there are letters to be drafted. Ms. Joesting

responded that if there is a motion and vote, then it is recorded in the minutes; if there is a decision for action by the commission, there should be a motion, discussion and vote.

Vice-Chair Johnson asked what the process is to call for a motion. Ms. Joesting explained that first the subject needs to be on the agenda; she provided an example in which a motion is made, seconded, open for discussion, then decision by vote.

Commissioner Tomita referred to a previous issue of lack of sidewalks in Makawao Town in which a motion was recorded with no action taken. He questioned if there is protocol as to how items are followed up. Ms. Joesting responded that even though a decision is made, it may be that someone needs to be assigned to take up the task or follow thru. Commissioner Tomita expressed concern on how to get these issues resolved. Ms. Joesting suggested that the Makawao Town issue may possibly be an item that Public Works could address, if so, she recommended that advance notice is given by speaking to Chair, who will advise Nalani to provide inquiry to Public Works prior to the next meeting so that the representative will be prepared to respond.

b. Access changes at Hookipa Park (report by V. Lesa)

Ms. Podlewski advised that she did not receive any report from Mr. Lesa.

VI. AGENDA SETTING – No topics suggested.

Commissioner Tomita requested that 911 Text and ASL Emergency Cards updates be added to agenda.

Commissioner Lindsey added that the sidewalks in Lahaina should be on agenda.

Commissioner Souza requested if Mr. Schwind, ADA Coordinator could provide information on ADA requirements on Lanai Post Office. Ms. Joesting stated that she will email Mr. Schwind to request information on the requirements.

Commissioner Lindsey commented that Victor was not present today, but she believes the he is interested in the Hookipa Park improvements. Vice-Chair Johnson agreed that the item should remain on the agenda.

Ms. Joesting apologized to the commissioners for being late to today's meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next meeting on September 10, 2015, 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Cameron Center, Conference Room 1

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Commissioner Lindsey presented a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. SECONDED by Commissioner Azizsoltani. Vice-Chair Johnson called for the vote, all in favor, no objection. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.