

# MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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## COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CPD)

December 8, 2016

12:30 p.m.

J. Walter Cameron Center Auditorium  
95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, HI 96793

**Call to Order: 12:35 PM**

### Introductions

**Members Present:** David Courson, Cranston Kapoi, Sheila Villanueva, Margaret Peary, Kevin Souza, and Faraz Azisoltani

**Members Excused:** Kealoha Laemoa

**Members Absent:** Mikey Tomita and Vivian Lindsey

**Guests Present:** Harry Johnson, Maui Economic Opportunity; Kate Eifler (ASL interpreter); Roxann Kehus, Department of Health

**County Staff Present:** Jennifer Oana, DJ Schwind, Ralph Thomas, Christi Keliikoa, Sharon Nobriga, and Kevin Dusenbury

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the November 10, 2016 meeting minutes.	Commissioner Courson moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Villanueva seconded. Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously.



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Public Comments and Testimony	None	Please refer to page 3 for public testimony regarding public safety.
New Business	<p>a. <b>Public Safety:</b> Commissioner Courson requested further clarification on whether the Commission will be identifying the main concern regarding public safety at today’s meeting or at a future meeting. Ms. Oana explained that the Commission collectively decided at last month’s meeting to prioritize their agenda and focus on certain topics within their authority as a Commission as defined by the Maui County Code.</p> <p>Photographs of dangerous crosswalks located in Lahaina were provided by Commissioner Azizsoltani regarding public safety. Commissioner Courson recommends that the first priority for the Commission on Persons with Disabilities should be the hazardous intersections and crosswalks, especially those listed in the handout from Lahaina and other areas in Kihei that he is aware of at this time. Commissioner Courson believes that the County has neglected the sidewalks and crosswalks, and he believes that the Commission should start small and urge the County to simply paint the crosswalks within the County (especially the ones that have been most significantly neglected). Commissioner Courson reiterated the importance of taking action on the painting of the crosswalks. Once this action has been completed, he believes the Commission could focus on other areas around the sidewalks and crosswalks, such as the signage, flashing lights, etc.</p> <p>Commissioner Villanueva agrees with the re-painting of the crosswalks, and she would also like proper signage for the crosswalks to be addressed.</p> <p>Commissioner Kapoi realizes that the flashing crosswalk signals will take some time, but agrees that the paint should be priority and secondary</p>	<p>Commission members are tasked to take pictures of unsafe crosswalks within their communities to report back at the next meeting. The pictures should include intersecting street names and location.</p>



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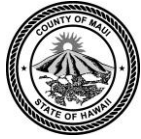
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will be the signs and flashing lights. Commissioner Kapoi also wonders if there are other items that might be added to make the crosswalks more visible. Mr. Schwind commented that the strobe lights are not required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Mr. Schwind also mentioned that the strobe lights were recently discussed by the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), and it was discovered that some drivers feel overstimulated and distracted by the flashing lights as they approach an intersection and crosswalk, which may also pose safety concerns. Mr. Schwind offered to find the cost of the strobe/flashing lights at crosswalks, and he will provide that information at a future meeting.

Commissioner Peary agrees with painting the crosswalks as a priority, but she is also concerned with one of the photographs in particular. At the intersection of Waine'e and Hale St. in Lahaina, there is concern that drivers will not be able to see pedestrians or the crosswalk if a vehicle is in front of them at the intersection. Commissioner Peary believes that appropriate crosswalk signage should be placed to identify the crosswalks to provide motorists ample warning of an approaching crosswalk.

**Public Testimony Regarding Public Safety:** Mr. Victor Lesa has been taking pictures at crosswalks that he believes are unsafe. Mr. Lesa also informed the Commission that the yellow sidewalk bumps placed on the cut-ins of sidewalks can become slippery and also pose as a trip hazard because the bumps are peeling off at some of the crosswalks. There are also wheelchair ramps that go to nowhere (i.e. on Lower Main St. in Wailuku). Mr. Oliver Caberto also informed the Commission about an area by Puunene Rd. and the Airport Access Road- there are crosswalks but no sidewalks. Mr. Caberto also mentioned that there are similar

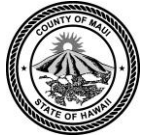
Commissioner Courson motions that the Commissioner Azizoltani draft a letter to Department of Public Works, which includes specific intersections and crosswalks within the county that require re-painting. Commissioner Azizoltani seconded. Motion approved unanimously for



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	<p>situations on the road by Walmart that leads to King’s Cathedral church- there is a crosswalk but no sidewalk.</p> <p>Mr. Schwind informed the Commission that whenever there are road improvements, the state requires that the contractor to place the curb cut-ins in anticipation that sidewalks will be built at a later time. According to Mr. Schwind, the cut-ins are completed at the time of road improvements to save time and costs when the sidewalks are built. Mr. Lesa understands the reasons for constructing the curb cut-ins in advance, but he also says that people in wheelchairs may follow that path and then not be able to turn around safely. Mr. Caberto also provided the Commission with a safety concern at the intersection by Safeway and TJ Maxx in Kahului; the road conditions are poor and make it difficult for people in wheelchairs to cross the road.</p> <p>Mr. Schwind recommended that the public works director be invited to a subsequent meeting of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities to discuss their public safety concerns regarding crosswalks.</p> <p>Discussion ensued about how to discern between a state, county, or public road/sidewalk. Corporation Counsel provided the recommendation that the Commission members speak with the Department of Public works to find out who has jurisdiction over the roads/sidewalks. Commissioner Peary asked Corporation Counsel what their roles and responsibilities are to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Corporation Counsel informed the Commissioners that the primary responsibility of the Corporation Counsel is to provide legal advice to the county’s agencies, and its main purpose at the Commission meetings is to prevent any illegal activity. Corporation Counsel also informed the Commissioners that they may be able to provide legal counsel, but it is the Commission’s responsibility to complete research and background</p>	<p>Commissioner Azizoltani to draft the letter to the Department of Public Works- Highways Division to be reviewed and discussed at next month’s meeting.</p>
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	<p>work regarding discussions and action items of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>b. Upcoming Events: None</p>	
Old Business	<p>a. Mr. Victor Lesa: Information regarding specific areas on Maui in which motorized/non-motorized wheelchair users must utilize roadways because sidewalks are not present.</p> <p>b. Transportation, Housing, and Employment- all of which will be further discussed once an action and resolution is met within the topic of public safety.</p>	Both old business items are deferred.
Agenda Items for Next Meeting	<p>a. Photograph Presentation of Neglected Crosswalks: Commission members and the public will share images of crosswalks at intersections that they believe are priority to be re-painted. The photographs should include the location of the crosswalk (including the names of the intersecting streets and town in which it is located).</p> <p>b. Presentation and discussion of Commissioner Azizsoltani's letter to the Department of Public Works- Highways Division regarding the re-painting of neglected crosswalks located within Maui County.</p> <p>c. Mr. Victor Lesa: Information regarding specific areas on Maui in which motorized/non-motorized wheelchair users must utilize roadways because sidewalks are not present.</p>	
Next Date	<p>January 12, 2017 at 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM Waikapu Conference Room (9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the County Building), 200 South High St., Wailuku</p>	
Motion to Adjourn	<p>1:40 PM</p>	Commissioner Souza moved; Commissioner Azizsoltani seconded. Unanimously passed.