

MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CPD)

October 12, 2017

11:30 a.m.

J. Walter Cameron Center, Conference Room 1
95 Mahalani St., Wailuku, HI 96793

Call to Order: 11:33 AM

Introductions

Members Present: Petrina Castillo, David Courson, Cranston Kapoi, Ricky Sanches, Kevin Souza, Sheila Villanueva, and Kimberly West

Members Excused: Kealoha Laemoa and Faraz Azizoltani

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

County Staff Present: Kevin Dusenbury (Office on Aging), Jennifer Oana (Corporation Counsel), John Smith (Department of Public Works), Deborah Stone-Walls (Office on Aging), Gerald Tomooka (Department of Public Works), and Kurt Watanabe (Department of Public Works).

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the September 14, 2017 meeting minutes.	Commissioner Castillo moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Sanches seconded. Motion to



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		approve minutes carried unanimously.
Public Comments and Testimony	None	
New Business	<p>a. Presentation from the Department of Public Works and the Maui Police Department regarding traffic enforcement, safety concerns, and neglected crosswalks within the County of Maui.</p> <p>Mr. Kurt Watanabe, Engineering Division; Mr. Gerald Tomooka, Highways Division; and Mr. John Smith, Highways Division, represented the County of Maui Department of Public Works at October's Commission on Persons with Disabilities meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Jennifer Oana, Deputy Corporation Counsel, provided a briefing to the representatives of the Department of Public Works on the Commission's concerns regarding the neglected crosswalks within the County of Maui that the Commission has identified at previous Commission meetings.</p> <p>According to the presenters, the Department of Public Works has 3 divisions, which include Engineering, Highways, and Development Services. Mr. John Smith informed the Commission that he is the recently appointed chief for the Highways Division. Mr. Smith shared that the Highways Division is the sector of Public Works that has the equipment to provide the updates and perform the maintenance to the County's infrastructure.</p> <p>Commissioner Castillo inquired which division(s) within the Department of Public Works are responsible for the construction of new sidewalks</p>	



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and the maintenance of existing roadways. Mr. Watanabe informed the Commission that the Engineering Division is responsible for developing the plans of a new roadway, sidewalk and/or accessible ramps. The Highways Division is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the County's existing infrastructure.

Commissioner West inquired how improvement requests are prioritized. Mr. Smith informed the Commission that requests are prioritized based upon the severity of the request and/or the safety concerns associated with the request. Improvement requests that are deemed to be of public safety and/or severe will be addressed sooner. Mr. Tomooka informed the Commission that he also follows up with requests from the County of Maui Connect Application (App). For outlying areas (Molokai and Lanai), the Department relies on the feedback from the community and workers on those islands. The Department of Public Works staff may be assigned to work in outlying areas to provide the infrastructure updates.

Mr. Smith also explained that crosswalks are re-striped after the pavement preservation crew completes sealcoating on existing roadways. Mr. Smith also shared that a re-striping request may be delayed in the event a roadway is scheduled for sealcoating, as the paint would need to be re-painted after the sealcoating is completed.

Commissioner Courson thanked the Department of Public Works for re-striping the intersection of South Kihei Road and Waipuilani Road in Kihei. Mr. Courson inquired about the other mentioned sidewalks that the Commission brought to the attention of the Department of Public Works. According to Mr. Smith and Mr. Watanabe, the Department addressed or is in the process of addressing the sidewalk locations that the Commission has shared with the Department.



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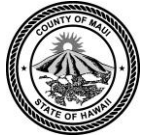
The Department of Public Works representatives also shared that there is a smart phone application, “SeeClickFix, available online which enables citizens to provide update requests with County officials. According to [www. seeclickfix.com](http://www.seeclickfix.com), the application is a community-driven communication tool and work management system that bridges the gap between residents and their local governments to increase civic responsibility and improve citizen services.

Commissioner West inquired what the County considers as a reasonable timeframe for a work request to be completed. The members of Public Works shared that it is dependent upon the request and the time constraints that burdens the crews. Ultimately, work requests and updates to the infrastructure are made at the discretion of the Department of Public Works.

Commissioner Castillo inquired if there are any improvement projects slated for new sidewalks. Mr. Watanabe informed the Commission that the Department of Public Works does not have a database of current projects. Even though the latest budget has limited funding for new sidewalks, the Department does attempt to complete or add additional sidewalks with existing improvement projects.

Mr. Smith also shared with the Commission that he attends the Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee, which will be compiling and posting a list of current federally funded projects. Often times, the Department of Public Works will request funding for sidewalks and other projects, but the funding is often removed from the budget.

Commissioner Castillo inquired if the Department of Public Works solicits information and/or feedback from the public. According to the representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Mayor’s



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Office handles the responsibility to solicit information and receive requests from the community. At the Mayor's and Director's level, the Planning Department also meets and accepts input from the community.

Commissioner Castillo requested information about new developments, particularly the funding of the roadways. Mr. Smith informed the Commission that roadway maintenance and funding depends largely on its formation at the planning level. For example, the developer of the Puunene Shopping Center was responsible for the construction of the roadway and sidewalks, but the County will take over the maintenance of respective roadway and sidewalks. Mr. Smith further shared that family subdivisions are typically held privately, but it is all dependent on the planning level and the responsibilities designated at that level.

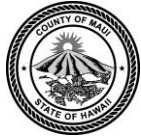
Mr. Tomooka reminded the Commission that detailed requests for updates, such as the cross walk re-striping, may be made through the County of Maui Connect App. According to the County's website, the Connect app enables residents to participate in community-based reporting from their cell phones/mobile devices or web. Mr. Tomooka informed the Commission that he is responsible for follow-up with community requests.

The Maui Police Department was unable to attend the Commission on persons with Disabilities meeting.

b. Upcoming Events:

Maui County Senior Fair, October 28, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the War Memorial Gymnasium, Wailuku.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative, October 28, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Maui Police Department, Wailuku.



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	<p>16th Annual Maui Family Caregivers Conference, November 2, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Grand Wailea, Kihei.</p>	
Old Business	<p>a. Photographs of neglected crosswalks within the County of Maui- The Commission and the public are invited to share any additional photographs of neglected crosswalks within the County of Maui. Photographs shall be printed and shall contain a caption that describes the location, street, intersection, etc. of the crosswalks depicted in the photographs.</p> <p>Commissioner Courson shared that he appreciated the Department of Public Works presentation and attendance at today’s meeting. Commissioner Courson was also delighted with the Commission’s crosswalk re-striping accomplishment.</p>	
Agenda Items for Future Meetings	<p>a. Presentation from Chantal Ratte, Executive Director of Ka Lima O Maui, regarding employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. (November 2017)</p> <p>b. Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (December 2017- tentative)</p> <p>c. Other suggestions for topics for future meetings</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the budgetary procedures within the County of Maui and the potential impact the Commission could make on such decisions. According to Ms. Stone-Walls, Executive on Aging, agency budgets are submitted in September to their respective Division. Once submitted to the Division, the Division compiles their Division budget and submits it to the Mayor’s Office in October. In March, the County’s proposed budget is posted online for the public’s review.</p> <p>Last year, Commissioner Azizoltani was authorized to testify on the Commission’s behalf to advocate for more funding for crosswalk re-</p>	



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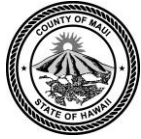
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striping and sidewalk construction before the Budget Committee and the Maui County Council during the budget sessions; however, Commissioner Azizoltani was unable to attend any County Council budget hearing. The Commission may wish to nominate a Commissioner this year to testify on behalf of the Commission for more funding for crosswalk re-striping or other matters, which would benefit persons with disabilities. Ms. Stone-Walls also encouraged the Commission to provide input and recommendations to the appropriate Division when they are in the process of formulating their annual budget (in this example, more funding for accessible sidewalks). In addition to the Commission providing feedback and recommendations, the Commissioners, in their individual capacities and not as a member of this Commission, are encouraged to make separate requests, as this may provide more impact.

Commissioner West shared that she believes the Commission can now close the discussion about neglected crosswalks within the County of Maui. Commissioner West also posed where the Commission should focus their attention for future meetings, such as housing or vocational opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Commissioner Castillo inquired what are the roles and responsibilities of the Commission. Ms. Oana informed the Commission that their responsibility is to provide advice to the Mayor's Office. The Commission's facilitator, Mr. Kevin Dusenbury, shared that information is also available in Commission's welcome packets.

Discussion ensued regarding public notification for the Commission meetings. Per the Sunshine Law, all Commission meeting agendas are submitted to the County Clerk's Office six calendar days prior to the meeting date. Once the agenda is submitted to the County Clerk, the agenda is also posted on the County's website.



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	<p>Commissioner Courson informed the Commission that he has a radio show, and he would be happy to interview a Commissioner on the radio to provide more publicity for the Commission.</p> <p>Commissioner Castillo mentioned that she would like to discuss publicity opportunities for the Commission, including Commissioner Courson's recommendation of Akaku television.</p>	
Next Date	November 9, 2017 at 11:30 AM at the J. Walter Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku, HI.	
Motion to Adjourn	12:17 PM	Commissioner Courson moved and Commissioner Sanches seconded. Motion carried unanimously.