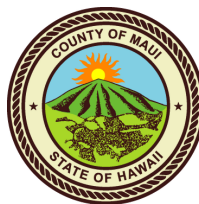


COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



**2:00-3:30 p.m., Thursday, July 10, 2008
Maui Economic Opportunity, Classroom 2**

MINUTES

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I. CALL TO ORDER - 2:05 p.m.

II. PRESENT:

John Briley, Norita DeLima, Andrew Valentine,
Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma, Linda Liddell,
Marguerite Rowland; Charlotte Seales

ABSENT: Darren Quinn

GUESTS: Lauren Martin, Moana Lutey, Charlotte Smith,
Beth Arnoult, Jean Tessmer, Dawn Snyder, Tracy Souza,
Ramoda Anand, Anthony Simmons, Kaiulani Nguyen, Caren
Pantezzi, Leslie Williams.

STAFF: Jan Roberson; Deputy Corporation
Counsel Jeffrey Ueoka for Kimberly Sloper.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 8, 2008

Minutes were approved without correction. Marguerite
Rowland Moved to accept the minutes. Linda Liddell
Seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jean Tessmer: see attached transcript of testimony

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bylaws – Deputy Corporation Counsel Jeffrey Ueoka
checked with Deputy Corporation Counsel to find that the
update of the Administrative Rules is complete and ready for
Commission review by Department of Housing and Human
Concerns followed by Public Hearing.

B. June 12, 2008 workshop evaluation

A synopsis of comments was distributed. The Commissioners
will discuss the event its the August meeting. Norita was
congratulated on a job well done: turn out, food, and the room
were all great.

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C. SKAFF litigation update –

Dep. Corp. Counsel Lauren Martin presented a PowerPoint on the Richard Skaff v County of Maui litigation. Mr. Skaff, the ADA Coordinator for San Francisco, visited Maui in 2001 and found several parks lacked accessibility. He filed a suit to bring the County into compliance. The County hired MIG to survey the parks. A settlement agreement was reached and the County agreed to improve 30 facilities. The legal matter is finished, and court monitor Paul Sheriff is satisfied with the conclusion. The presentation showed photos of improvements in accessibility to the various facilities, including Kanaha, Keokea, and Kamaole III parks. The County is still working on finalizing some improvements to Sakamoto and Lahaina Aquatics pools, and some ball fields. Ms. Martin stated that significant improvements have been accomplished and more needs to be done. Priority is given to most highly used parks and to ensure at least one park in each region is accessible. She invited anyone to request the County to make specific improvements, such as to Rainbow Park.

Regarding the DOJ Agreement

In 2005, the Department of Justice and the County of Maui entered into an agreement as part of Civic Access to improve access to County facilities, including to make restrooms in the County Building accessible on the 2nd and 8th floors, add Braille signage, and addition of accessible parking. Modifications to state and privately-owned schools that are used by the county as emergency shelters still need to be completed, as well as Fire and Police stations, the HGEA-owned Trask Building in which the County leases space for Liquor Control.

Ms. Martin asked: "What can the Commission do to help?"

1. Provide assistance to ensure disabled community can be evacuated in cases of emergency.
2. Help establish a registry of disabled persons needing help in an emergency.

COMMENTS

Charlotte Smith: a DCAB representative is needed on Maui

Ms. Martin: May I suggest you write to DCAB to make this request?

Marguerite Rowland: As commissioners, we should write to the newspaper to let people know – "I need this, I am affected."

Jean Tessmer: No comments from the public hearing were included in the Transition Plan.

Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma: We should have a PSA asking people with children with disabilities what they would like to see done.

VI. New Business

A. Elections of Officers

Chair DeLima opened nominations for the position of Commission Chair.

Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma nominated Andrew Valentine. Linda Liddell nominated Norita DeLima. After a show of hands, the result was 5 in favor of Commission Chair DeLima and 2 in favor of Commissioner Valentine. The Chair opened the nominations for the position of Commission Vice Chair. Charlotte Seales nominated Andrew Valentine; Norita DeLima nominated Marguerite Rowland. After a show of hands, the result was 5 in favor of Andrew Valentine and two in favor of Marguerite Rowland.

Chair Norita DeLima and Vice Chair Andrew Valentine were congratulated.

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B. Increased funding for MEO chore services

The Commissioners reviewed two letters drafted to address their concern for the funding shortfall for MEO Chore Services. They suggested changes. Staff Jan Roberson was asked to re-draft the letters for Chair DeLima's signature.

C. Determine issues to discuss with Mayor Tavares

The Commissioners determined that the priority issues to discuss with Mayor Tavares at a future meeting include:

1. Accessible Parking
2. Office on Aging is not accessible at One Main Plaza
3. Parks
4. Transportation

REPORTS

A. Chair – deferred due to time constraints

B. Transportation – deferred due to time constraints

C. Molokai – deferred due to time constraints

D. Volunteer Parking Enforcement Program – deferred due to time constraints

E. ADA Coordinator – absent

F. State Council on Developmental Disabilities –absent

G: Parks and Recreation – Commissioner Hue Sing-Ledesma said the County did a nice job improving Kamaole III Park. She had checked about attending the opening and was told the opening was held on June 3, 2008. She was disappointed about the cramped quarters in the restroom, with folks in wheel chairs having to reverse out from the sink. She also noted that the new restrooms were already dirty. It would have been nice to have a changing room so folks did not have to change in the toilet stalls – which deposits lots of dirt and sand into the stalls.

Maipoina Park will open in September 2008. The landscaping is torn up by all the tractor work. The new plaque was stolen and needs replacement.

Commissioner Hue Sing-Ledesma also reported that the County's Parks Inclusion Specialist position is still vacant.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting: 2 p.m., Aug 14, 2008, MEO Classroom 2.

B. Tracy Souza asked to add an agenda item to the August meeting: that Roberts hold a Wheel Chair Tie Down session that would be mandatory for all of its drivers.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair DeLima closed the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Roberson, Staff
Commission on Persons with Disabilities