

Pursuant to Chapter 91 and 92, Part I, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, notice is hereby given of a public meeting/hearing of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 10, 2008
Maui Economic Opportunity, Classroom 2

MAYOR

Charmaine Tavares

DIRECTOR of HOUSING & HUMAN CONCERNS

Vanessa A. Medeiros

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Darren Quinn, vice chair
John M. Briley, Jr., MD
Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma
Linda Liddell
Marguerite Rowland
Charlotte Seales
Andrew Valentine

DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL

Kimberly Sloper

ADA COORDINATOR

Dennis Schwind

CPD STAFF

Jan Roberson
270-8203

MINTUES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeLima called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE / QUORUM; INTRODUCTIONS

A quorum was established with 6 commissioners present.

PRESENT: Norita DeLima, Chair; Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma; Linda Liddell; Marguerite Rowland; Charlotte Seales; Andrew Valentine.

EXCUSED: Darren Quinn, John Briley

ABSENT: Patricia Duckworth

STAFF: Kimberly Sloper, Deputy Corporation Council; Jan Roberson, Department of Housing and Human Concerns; Denny Schwind, ADA Coordinator

GUESTS: Charlotte Smith; Gary Frampton; Tracy Souza; Patricia McGrath, Mental Health Association; Mary Matsukawa, State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Jean Tessner, Space Options; Colleen O'Shea Wallace, Mental Health America – Maui.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 13, 2008

Marguerite Roland MOVED to approve the March 13, 2008. Linda Liddell SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

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- Commissioner Valentine MOVED to reopen the approval of minutes to make a correction to strike his name from VI Reports, B Transportation as being signed up to attend the tie down training.
- Commissioner Hue-Sing Ledesma SECONDED.
- MOTION CARRIED.

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Mary Matsukawa testified and presented a handout to the Commissioners of an abbreviated version of the Charter provision pertaining to the Commission and its duties.
- A discussion ensued that was deferred pending the arrival of Deputy Corporation Counsel Kimberly Sloper.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Planning for Workshop June 12, 2008

- **Invitations** - Chair DeLima sent eleven letters inviting dignitaries. See attachment B. Confirmed to date: John Tomoso, MC; Vanessa Medeiros, opening remarks; Sandy Baz, MEO; Arthur Takabayashi, Roberts Hawaii; Paul Kiang, Vocational Rehab.
- **Menu** - Hale Mahalolu submitted cost estimate for fried chicken for 150 participants at \$150, which included paper plates, napkins. Water will cost \$8 per case. Ice will be furnished free of charge. The group decided to include potato macaroni salad and cookies on the menu. Chair DeLima to request new bid from Hale Mahaolu. Commissioner Valentine will supply potatoes; Commissioner Rowland will reimburse for eggs. Chair DeLima will make potato-mac salad.
- **Set Up and Clean Up** - Chair DeLima will work on finding a volunteer group to help.
- **Publicity** - Chair DeLima will send a letter to Director Vanessa Medeiros requesting assistance with a media release for print and AKAKU, a PSA for radio and other tasks related to event publicity. The flyer will be amended to include a phone number to call for para-transit, and ADA contact info for persons requiring special accommodations due to disability.
- **Table Covers** - Patricia McGrath will check on getting table covers for the event.
- **Budget** - Chair DeLima will submit a revised letter to Director Vanessa Medeiros requesting funding of the event.

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B. Corporation Counsel: Commission Rules and Bylaws

- Deputy Corporation Council Kimberly Sloper restated that the documents should be ready for review at the May meeting.

C. Hamoa Beach Access – Hotel Hana Maui

- Commissioner Valentine recommended the matter be tabled to allow time to gather information from the owners of Hamoa Beach Hotel, and research whether or not there were pre-existing agreements between the county and the property owners related to public access from the road.
- Mary Matsukawa suggested having the Corporation Counsel research the matter and report back to the commission.
- The matter was deferred until the next meeting.

VI. REPORTS

A. Chair

- Chair DeLima reported that she had sent Commissioner Valentine's letter that was addressed to Transportation Director Medeiros, to the Disability and Communication Access Board instead. She had received a reply that the double fare was legal.
- Commissioner Valentine stated that he knew it was legal, but wondered if it was appropriate or discriminatory to charge the maximum.
- Mary Matsukawa said that the previous service, Ala Hou, had charged riders, but the Commission at that time had sent a letter to the mayor successfully requesting the fees be waived. Commissioner Valentine MOVED to write a letter to the Mayor to 1) thank the mayor for the para-transit service 2) request the County to waive the double fares for para-transit riders and to charge only the base fare and 3) the county promote awareness of the availability of the county's para-transit service through ongoing radio public service announcements, AKAKU Maui Community Television and advertisements in the Maui News. Commissioner Liddell
SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Transportation

- Chair DeLima reported that the tie down training conducted on was successful. Five drivers had received training. Commissioner Valentine suggested more training sessions be scheduled.

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- Chair DeLima said she would work with Roberts Hawaii to schedule more tie down training sessions and that she would request evening sessions that were mandatory for the drivers. She hoped to have a better variety of wheel chairs and scooters.
- Molokai Commissioner Liddell asked that Molokai bus drivers be invited to attend the trainings.

C. Molokai

- Commissioner Liddell reported that she is still working on a letter requesting side walk cut outs and crosswalk striping improvements to Mohala, a side street in Kaunakakai, that attracts increased pedestrian traffic. The new businesses are Taki's, Maka's, a mini mart and a pet shop.
- ADA Coordinator Denny Schwind advised that the letter be accompanied by photos and addressed to the County of Maui Department of Public Works and Environmental Management. He also stated that new projects must comply with ADA standards, and the county had completed a massive effort to construct cut-outs on older projects.
- New Commissioner Charlotte Seales of Molokai explained her background as having worked on Molokai to provide direct services to persons with disabilities to teach them life skills.
- Commissioner Seales is also concerned with issues related to facilitating learning for students with disabilities.

D. Volunteer Parking Enforcement Program

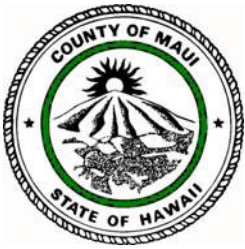
- Relating to a letter from DCAB requesting Maui County statistics on parking enforcement related to accessible stalls, ADA Coordinator Schwind advised the Commissioners to send a letter to the Maui Police Department Traffic Section requesting the number of tickets issued for violations related to accessible parking.
- He asked to receive a copy of the letter.
- He also stated that statistics are available in Honolulu and that he will follow up.

E. ADA Coordinator

- ADA Coordinator Dennis Schwind responded to the Commission's request for
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information at its March meeting to be reported at the May meeting pertaining to
1) update on progress of the agreement between the County of Maui and Department of Justice and
2) update on Scafe Versus the County of Maui.

- Mr. Schwind suggested the Commission send a letter of request for an update from Corporation Counsel Brian Moto, as although he is working on the issues, the matters are of a legal nature and more appropriately responded to by the County's legal team.
- ADA Coordinator Schwind reported he is working on several other ADA projects, including the Paia Fire Station parking lot repaving.

F. Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities

- See item IV above.

G: Parks and Recreation

- The matter was deferred as the meeting ran over time and the buses were waiting for Commissioners.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report on status of ADA agreement between the USA and the County of Maui.

- See ADA report above under VI. Reports E.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting: 2 – 3:30 p.m., May 8, 2008, MEO Classroom 2.

- Chair DeLima will check to see if the classroom is available earlier.

B. Commissioner Reaser resigned due to family matters.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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