

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

2 p.m., Thursday, March 13, 2008
Maui Economic Opportunity, Classroom 2

MAYOR

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Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma
Linda Liddell
Marguerite Rowland
Charlotte Seales
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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 2:05 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE / QUORUM; INTRODUCTIONS

A quorum was established with six commissioners present.

PRESENT: Norita DeLima, Chair; Darren Quinn, Vice Chair; Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma; Linda Liddell; Marguerite Rowland; Andrew Valentine.

ABSENT: Patricia Duckworth

STAFF: Kimberly Sloper, Deputy Corporation Council; Jan Roberson, Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

GUESTS: Alfred M. Arensdorf, MD, Office of the Mayor; Gary Frampton; Tracy Souza, Chair Emeritus; Patricia McGrath, Mental Health Association; Marlene Q. F. Young, Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 8, 2008

Karen Hue Sing Ledesma MOVED to correct the minutes to reflect that her absence from February 8 meeting was excused. Linda Liddell SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

NONE

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Corporation Counsel: Commission Rules and Bylaws

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Deputy Corporation Council Kimberly Sloper reported that the documents were still undergoing revisions and that she expected the process to take another two months or more due to the priority of the budget. At the earliest, the documents could be ready by the May meeting.

B. Accessible Parking and Parking Stalls In Paia

Commissioner Quinn reported that all necessary improvements have been completed, including sidewalks, parking stalls and curb cut outs. He requested that the item be removed from future agendas.

C. Hamoa Beach Access – Hotel Hana Maui

Chair DeLima stated that she has received no communication from Hotel Hana Maui. She will check with Dennis Schwind.

VI. REPORTS

A. Chair

Chair DeLima reported that she had received a letter from the Disability and Communication Access Board's Standing Committee on Accessible Parking, requesting information, including the number of violations given out for illegal parking in disabled parking stalls; staff and volunteers trainings to monitor disabled parking spaces; awareness month activities; etc. See attached copy. The chair will refer the letter to ADA Coordinator Dennis Schwind to follow up.

B. Transportation

Chair DeLima reported that bus drivers will be trained on proper tie downs of a variety of wheel chairs and scooters. The training is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Thursday, March 27 at Roberts Hawaii, located at 711 Kaonawai Place, Kahului. The Commissioners are invited to bring their variety of wheel chairs to help train the bus drivers on the proper tie down of differing scooters and wheel chairs. Subsequent workshops will be offered as needed. Commissioners who will attend include Chair DeLima; Vice Chair Quinn; Commissioners Hue Sing-Ledesma; and Andrew Valentine. The Chair has signed up a few others also, including Tracy and Kevin Souza, among others.

C. Molokai

- Commissioner Linda Liddell reported that street resurfacing is progressing which is

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improving the transition area between pavement and cement.

- A disabled veteran from Molokai would like to participate in the volunteer training offered by the Maui Police Department but she needs more information on the process.
- Commissioner Liddell drafted a letter as a private citizen to the Maui Mall citing parking violations (see attached). Commissioner Rowland commended Commissioner Liddell and said more letters along these lines should be sent.
- Commission Chair mentioned the yellow warning stickers to place on windshields of people who violate disabled parking stalls. Commissioner Hue Sing-Ledesma recommended the Commission request the stickers from ADA Coordinator Schwind.
- Commissioner Liddell reported that the Friendly Market in Kaunakakai is helpful to customers with disabilities. Commissioner Hue Sing-Ledesma recommended that businesses with good practices be recognized with certificates of appreciation.
- Commissioner Liddell reported that she will draft a letter requesting side walk cut outs and crosswalk striping improvements to Mohala, a side street in Kaunakakai, where new businesses are opening that attracts increased pedestrian traffic.

D. Volunteer Parking Enforcement Program

Commissioner Rowland returned to the letter from DCAB regarding disabled parking enforcement activities. She stated that this was the first time she had heard of DCAB's Standing Committee on Accessible Parking. She reiterated that the matter be forwarded to the ADA Coordinator for follow up. Vice Chair Quinn suggested the Commission find out what DCAB's Standing Committee on Accessible Parking does on Oahu.

E. ADA Coordinator

ADA Coordinator Dennis Schwind was not in attendance.

F. Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Mary Matsukawa was unable to attend the meeting.

G: Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Hue Sing-Ledesma reported that the County of Maui Department of Parks and Recreation has an ADA self evaluation and transportation and summary plans packet available. The impetus for the packet was the 2002 lawsuit. Parks conducted meetings to

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identify what was right and how to improve park access for persons with disabilities. She noted that the agreement included an ADA recreation specialist, a position for which the county recently advertised for recruitment. Commissioner Valentine noted that the County's deadline to implement the terms of the agreement was 2005-06. He noted some areas are completed while others are not. He asked how the commission might help the parks expedite the process.

He reported that the Kamaole Beach Park is not open but improvements are nearing completion. He suggested getting a copy of the original agreement hoping it listed needed park renovations. He also reported that the Korean War Veteran's Park is just about complete and that it looks nice.

Commissioner Hue Sing suggested the Commission ask the county to prioritize at least one park in South, West, North, Central Maui and Hana. She asked the Commissioners to report back to her should they notice anything at a state or county park.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. County of Maui – Director of Transportation Don Medeiros

Chair DeLima reported that Mr. Medeiros was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Valentine asked if the Chair sent his letter to Mr. Medeiros regarding the practice of inequitable charges to persons with disabilities. Chair DeLima stated she sent it to DCAB.

B. Planning for workshop: 4 – 7 p.m, June 12, 2008

Chair DeLima passed around the draft event flyer and invitation noting the name change to "Services for Persons with Disabilities." She also read aloud a draft letter for Department of Housing and Human Concerns Director Vanessa A. Medeiros 1) informing her of the commission's workshop; 2) requesting the Director give opening remarks; 3) requesting funds; and 4) requesting staff assistance with publicity and event set up.

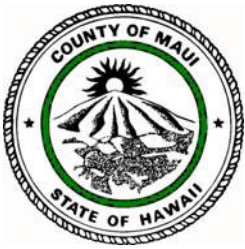
Mary Matsukawa's list of potential agencies to invite was distributed and commissioners were asked to review suggest additions. Maui Center for Independent Living and MS Society were added.

The workshop's tentative schedule will feature:

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Welcome: Mayor Charmaine Tavares

- Opening remarks: DHHC Director Vanessa A Medeiros
- Master of Ceremony: John A.H. Tomoso
- Speakers will sit at a long table in the front and take turns giving a 7 minute presentation with three minutes each for questions from the workshop participants
- Agencies will be given a table around the perimeter of the room for literature
- Refreshments will be served.
- A service group will be asked to help with room set up and break down, such as Lions, Rotary or the Boy Scouts.

Commissioner Rowland MOVED to accept the above format. Commissioner Liddell SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

The commissioners decided to lengthen the April 10 meeting and focus mainly on planning for the June workshop by beginning a half hour early, at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Valentine initiated a discussion that Deputy Corporation Counsel Sloper cautioned was not covered on the agenda and could constitute a violation of the Sunshine Laws. Commissioner Valentine then MOVED to place the item under New Business on the April 10 agenda. The item shall read: Request ADA Coordinator Dennis Schwind to give a detailed report at the May 8 meeting on the status of the ADA agreement between the United States of America and the County of Maui. Marguerite Rowland SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., April 10, 2008, MEO Classroom 2.

B. Chair DeLima reported that MEO Classroom 2 is reserved for the Commission meetings the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. for the remainder of 2008 with the exception of June.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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