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Friday, February 8, 2008

Maui Economic Opportunity Classroom 2

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT Norita DeLima; Darren Quinn; Linda Liddell
(Molokai); Donald Reaser; Andrew Valentine

EXCUSED Patricia Duckworth; Marguerite Rowland

ABSENT Karen Hue Sing Ledesma

GUESTS Mary Matsukawa, ExOfficio, State Council on
Developmental Disabilities; Art Takabayashi, Roberts Hawaii.

STAFF Denny Schwind, ADA Coordinator, Office of the
Mayor; Kimberly Sloper, Corporation Counsel; Mel Dadez and
Jan Roberson, Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair DeLima.

II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mel Dadez announced that Jan Roberson will replace him to
staff the Commission. Mary Matsukawa acknowledged and
thanked Mel for his work for the commission. Members agreed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dec. 13, 2007 & Jan. 10,
2008. Commissioner Valentine moved to correct the December
13, 2007 minutes under IV. B. REPORTS as follows: insert
“informed by Maui Department of Transportation” so that the
sentence will now read: “He was informed by the Maui
Department of Transportation that ADA allows double the fee
for para-transit transportation.” Vice Chair Darren Quinn
SECONDED. Motion carried. Vice Chair Darren Quinn
MOVED to approve the January 10, 2008 minutes.
Commissioner Valentine SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED



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IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A. None

V: NEW BUSINESS

A. ROBERTS HAWAII, INC:

Arthur Takabayashi of Roberts HI explained the various issues related to strapping wheelchairs to para-transit vehicles, including better training for drivers; securing all wheels; wheel chair differences; old straps that become jammed; vehicles stopping traffic on busy streets during the strapping process. Mr. Takabayashi said Roberts' goal was to train drivers to complete the strapping process within 4 minutes. Roberts offered to hold training sessions for drivers to familiarize them with the various types of wheel chairs. Commissioners raised other issues, including shoulder straps, straps adjusted improperly causing damage to the wheel chairs.

County ADA Coordinator Denny Schwind raised the issue of sheltered bus stops and signage. Commissioner Valentine commented that these are usually the responsibility of the city or county. Mr. Takabayashi mentioned the Maui Jaycees as a possible project partner. He said it was not a practical expenditure for Roberts considering their three-year contract. If contracts were longer, it might be possible. Commissioner Valentine said it must begin with the county to allocate the space, with attention to Planning Department guidelines. Mary Matsukawa suggested drafting a letter to the Maui Department of Transportation to request information on the County's plan for sheltered bus stops with a response by the March 13, 2008 meeting. Chair DeLima to write the letter. Mary Matsukawa asked how the ADA booklet and flyer were being distributed, commenting that MEO had done it previously. Mr. Takabayashi said Roberts is not distributing the booklet or flyer.

B. DISABILITY WORKSHOP

The workshop is tentatively scheduled for June 12. The members settled on a late afternoon to early evening meeting with refreshments to attract families of persons with disabilities. Speakers will be requested from the Office on Aging; Roberts Hawaii; Maui Department of Transportation; Social Security; Department of Housing and Human Concerns; and Vocational Rehabilitation. Each presentation will be 20 minutes. Agencies serving the disabled will be invited to have informational tables. Chair DeLima will work on the venue.



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ADA Coordinator Denny Schwind suggested having a flyer ready for the March 13 meeting. Commissioner Quinn **MOVED** to accept the above format. Commissioner Liddell **SECONDED**. **MOTION CARRIED**.

VI. REPORTS

A. **CHAIR:** Commissioner DeLima had no report but stated she refused to sign the letter Commissioner Valentine wrote to Maui Department of Transportation. The commissioners reviewed the letter and the minutes, and determined the motion to write and send the letter was seconded and carried and should be signed by the chair and sent. Commissioner DeLima agreed.

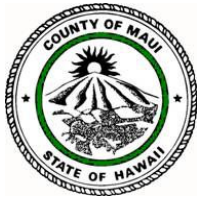
B. **TRANSPORTATION:** No Report.

C. **MOLOKAI:** Molokai Commissioner Liddell reported a volunteer on Molokai was monitoring disabled parking spaces. ADA Coordinator Schwind suggested he contact the Maui Police Department at 244-6400 to sign up for the next training with Sgt. Aoki.

D. **VOLUNTEER PARKING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM:**
See Molokai Report above.

E. **ADA COORDINATOR:** Mr. Schwind reported that the Skaff lawsuit (Park's Department), and Project Civic Access (Department of Justice), are both proceeding with project schedules that are reviewed and approved by the court (Skaff), and the DOJ (Project Civic Access).

F. **STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:** Mary Matsukawa reported that the Legislature convened on the third Thursday in January. Her office is following several of the 3,000 bills that were introduced, one on fluoride, and one asking for higher reimbursements for dental centers that serve the community. Access the Bills at www.capitol.hawaii.gov.



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G: PARKS and RECREATION: Commissioner Valentine said the Moiponi Park in Kihei was remodeled for accessibility.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. COMMISSION RULES AND BYLAWS

Deputy Corporation Counsel Kimberly Sloper reported that the Commission Rules and Bylaws are still in process.

B. ACCESSIBLE PARKING AND PARKING STALLS IN PAIA

Commissioner Quinn had no report.

C. HAMOA BEACH ACCESS – HOTEL HANA MAUI

Waiting on hotel for response to second letter. ADA Coordinator Schwind suggested a follow up call.

D. MAUI NEWS COLUMN

Mary Matsukawa reported that she will write a back up article for the Maui News monthly health column on the topic of Accessible Parking.

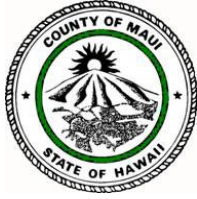
VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. NEXT MEETING: 2 p.m., Thursday, March 13, 2008 at MEO Classroom 2.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Jan Roberson



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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE CHAIR	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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Parking Enforcement	Marguerite Rowland	Darren Quinn, Donald Reaser, Andrew Valentine
Newspaper Ads	Marguerite Rowland	