

## COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Friday February 8, 2008

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, Program Specialist, Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Denny Schwind, ADA Coordinator, Office of the Mayor; Kimberly Sloper, Corporation Council; Mel Dadiz, Department of Housing and Human Concerns; Jan Roberson, Department of Housing and Human Concerns; Art Takabayashi, Training Specialist, Roberts Hawaii.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

### II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

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

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 13, 2007 and January 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

### 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 drivers need for better training, not strapping all four wheels down, the differences in wheel chairs, straps becoming jammed or old, the 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 a practice training for drivers to become familiar 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, 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 it was done previously by MEO. 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. ADA Coordinator Denny Schwind suggested having a flyer ready for the March 13 meeting. Vice Chair Darren Quinn MOVED to accept the above format. Linda Liddell SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

### VI. REPORTS

A. CHAIR: Chair Norita DeLima had no report.

B. TRANSPORTATION: No Report.

C. MOLOKAI: Molokai Commissioner Linda 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 talked about the progress of the lawsuit.

F. STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: Mary Matsukawa reported that the Legislature opened January 17, 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

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 Council Kimberly Sloper reported the 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 an back up article for the Maui News monthly health column on the topic of Accessible Parking to cover who can legally park in a handicapped stall.

### VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m., March 13, 2008 at MEO Classroom 2.