

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



September 11, 2008

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair DeLima called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Norita DeLima, Andrew Valentine, Marguerite Rowland, Linda Liddell, Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma.

STAFF: Deputy Corporation Counsel Kimberly Sloper; Staff Jan Roberson

EXCUSED: Charlotte Seales, ADA Coordinator DJ Schwind, Ex-Officio Mary Matsukawa, John Briley, Darren Quinn

GUESTS: Former Commission Chairs Tracy Souza & Charlotte Smith; Gary Frampton; George Reioux and Harry Johnson of MEO Transportation; and Elections Information Specialist Anthony Akamine, State Office of Elections

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 14, 2008

Commissioner Rowland MOVED to accept the minutes without correction.
Commissioner Liddell SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED

III. PRESENTATION – State Office of Elections

Anthony Akamine demonstrated accessible voting machines, processes, and assistive devices.

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Administrative Rules and Procedures

Deputy Corporation Counsel Kimberly Sloper said new rules are drafted and ready for public review. Commissioners decided on a public hearing for November 13. Commission Staff Jan Roberson and Dep. Corp. Counsel Sloper To work on the public notification process.

NOTE: With the exit of Commissioner Hue Sing-Ledesma, the Commission was left without a quorum, so no decisions could be made on the remaining agenda items.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Disabilities workshop – deferred to next meeting

2. Refining issues to ask the Honorable Mayor Charmaine Tavares
Since the decision to write a letter of response to Mayor Tavares; request
For the specific questions she would be asked at the October meeting was
decided at the August meeting, the discussion continued.

A. Please obtain a response to the Commission's May 19 letter to the Maui Police Department requesting facts about

- the number of training activities conducted by MPD for the Volunteer Parking Enforcement Program.
- special activities MPD conducted for disability parking awareness month
- change in the number of officers, professional or volunteer, assigned to enforce the accessible parking statute

B. Suggestions:

- Increase MPD presence in parking lots
- Campaign to raise awareness re accessible parking
- Mandatory return of accessible parking placards
- Educate medical professionals about the difference between temporary and long term placards
- Amend Hawaii drivers manual to include more info on laws governing accessible parking

C. What does the Mayor expect of her Commission on Persons with Disabilities based on the county website:

Responsibilities: The Commission on Persons with Disabilities assists the County in rendering services to persons with disabilities by performing the following duties:

- Reviews County policies and practices to determine their impact on persons with disabilities
- Recommends use of monies received from federal and state governments designated for programs and improved accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- Recommends changes to policies and practices that do not meet the requirements of federal, state, or county law.
- Reviews County program and facility access to determine their impact on persons with disabilities and recommends changes and additions to ensure full availability of services to persons with disabilities.
- Promotes housing, employment, transportation and other activities which address the needs of persons with disabilities.
- Educates providers of community services and other members of the community concerning non-discriminatory practices and laws regarding persons with disabilities.

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D. Request to please inform Commission of upcoming projects which need or warrant Commission input including next fiscal year's budget items

E. Requesting fee waiver or same rate as applies to regular route passengers for paratransit riders

F. ADA Coordinator's job duties – how can ADA coordinator help the commission move forward

3. Commission meeting length - deferred

4. Letter clarifying intent of May 8 letter to Mayor Tavares - deferred

5. County recognition for Para Olympian Beth Arnoult - the Commission staff will request the Department to submit a draft resolution honoring Beth Arnoult to the Maui County council chair and to the Mayor.

VII. AGENDA SETTING

Items to be added to the October 9 agenda:

A. Commission to co-sponsor the October 22 Legislative Forum

1. Find out what is involved in co-sponsorship

B. Alternative transportation from Maui Memorial Medical Center and Molokai General Hospital after hours when patient is not admitted and usual transportation is unavailable

C. Letter to State Disability Access Communication Board requesting them to advocate for amending the State Drivers Manual to include a section or more information about rules pertaining to accessible parking, etc.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Chair - deferred

B. Transportation – Chair DeLima reported that she and fellow Transportation Committee members Linda Liddell and art Valentine met with representatives from MEO and Roberts to go over wheel chair tie downs.

C. Molokai – Commissioner Liddell asked staff to follow up on the May 15 letter sent to the Director of Public Works regarding her concerns about the Kaunakakai crosswalk.

D. Volunteer Parking Enforcement Program - deferred

E. ADA Coordinator -deferred

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F. State Council/Developmental Disabilities - deferred

G: Parks and Recreation - deferred

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting: 2 p.m., October 9, 2008, MEO Classroom 2

B. Budget hearing set for September 18 at Velma Santos Community Center

C. New County website

D. Charlotte Smith has a new walker with all the bells and whistles in case anyone knows of someone who needs one.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair DeLima adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.