



City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)

Monday, November 20, 2017

Minutes

I. Call to Order at 5:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call

- 6 Commissioners present: Garner, Meshack, Sperling, van Docto, Wright, Young
- Commissioner Contreras arrived at 5:33 p.m.
- Commissioner Hong arrived at 5:45 p.m.

III. Public Comments

- Arnold Brillinger from the City of Alameda Committee on Disability stated that he has been working on a universal design ordinance for five years. The City Council in Alameda just passed the ordinance on 100 percent “visitability” for all new homes built: no barrier, wide enough door, and accessible bathroom

IV. Commissioner’s Announcements

- In October, Commissioner Garner attended and conducted outreach at a disability fair at Laney College
- On October 17, Commissioner van Docto met with the director of a continuum of care agency, who is an expert on homelessness policy. The solutions are housing, coordinated services, and political will to provide funding. These solutions are historically implemented at the county

level with federal and state funds. Commissioner van Docto also referenced the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT): <http://everyonehome.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/VI-SPDAT-2.0-Single-Adults.pdf>

V. Chair Report; *Frank Sperling, Chair*

- Welcome new Commissioner Bettye Lou Wright: Ms. Wright introduced herself as having a background in geriatrics. Also, she attended and graduated from several leadership seminars. She volunteers full-time with the Oakland Housing Authority and serves on the Resident Advisory Board. Finally, she is an avid sports fan.
- Chair Sperling reminded everyone about the December annual planning meeting to focus on goals, objectives, and strategies for the new year.
- He also attended the Downtown Specific Plan meeting for disabilities. Commissioner Gregory also attended on behalf of Center for Independent Living.
- Chair Sperling updated that at the second Bikeshare Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, staff announced that there is now \$8,800 for four accessible bike types.
- Also, at the October meeting of the City Council Life Enrichment Committee, he presented the MCPD annual report and received excellent questions and comments from City Council members, which he will share at December meeting.

- Finally, Chair Sperling attended the State of the City Address on November 2, where Commissioner Wright was also present.
- Commissioner Wright inquired whether other Commissioners have attended meetings regarding sports stadiums to express concerns about accessibility.
 - Commissioner van Docto reiterated the need for following Planning Commission as well as other boards and commissions.
 - Chair Sperling requested to include the liaison roster to other boards and commissions in future agenda.

VI. Approval of October 16, 2017 Minutes

- Motion to approve October 2017 Minutes: Commissioner van Docto
Seconded by Commissioner Young
Aye: 8 – Contreras, Garner, Hong, Meshack, Sperling, van Docto, Wright, Young
Motion passed.

VII. Agenda Modification and Approval

- Motion to approve Agenda: Commissioner van Docto
Seconded by Commissioner Young
Aye: 8 – Contreras, Garner, Hong, Meshack, Sperling, van Docto, Wright, Young
Motion passed.

VIII. Staff Reports

A. ADA Programs Division Update; *Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager*

- Mr. Nguyen stated that he was recently hired as the Physical Access Coordinator, but with the retirement of Christine Calabrese, he was named the new ADA Programs Division Manager last week.
- Sherri Rita, has also left the City. Thus, Mr. Nguyen expressed to the Assistant Director of Department of Transportation the urgency to fill the Programmatic Access Coordinator position.
- The City Administrator signed the updated Disability Access Policy – Administrative Instruction (AI) 123 – as well as AI 181 on Departmental Access Coordinators (DAC). Next DAC training will be December 7 on the new service animal policy.
- Mr. Nguyen is communicating with Mallory Nestor, staff for the AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) on the following:
 - Reconvene joint committee of AAC and MCPD.
 - Coordinating field visit for tactile surface for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Ad Hoc Committee Report on ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan; *Frank Sperling, Chair*

- Follow up Ad Hoc Committee meeting will take place November 29 at 5:30 p.m. in Hearing Room 4.

- There were no questions from Commissioners regarding the October 2, 2017 minutes.

X. New Business

A. Role of City of Oakland Boards and Commissions in Advancing Equity; *Mayor Libby Schaaf and Yvonna Cazares, Policy Director, Community Engagement*

- Mayor Schaaf thanked Commissioners for their service and expressed the importance of their input regarding Measure KK. She stated that she is here to listen to any issues they want her to work on to advance the MCPD agenda.
- Additionally, she is on the board of Metropolitan Transportation Commissioner (MTC) and stated that because of the MCPD, Bikeshare will be more accessible around the Bay Area.
- Mayor Schaaf introduced Yvonna Cazares and expressed appreciation for the important work she does around community engagement.
- Commissioner Garner expressed her concern about homelessness and how the City of Oakland can intervene to convert abandoned and foreclosed properties to housing for homeless individuals.
 - Mayor Schaaf stated that in working with the new Alameda County Tax Collector and nonprofit housing developers, including Hello Housing and Oakland Community Land Trust, Oakland has just taken 11 tax-defaulted housing off the auction

block to develop these properties into permanently affordable housing.

- At the State of the City Address, Mayor Schaaf encouraged individuals to rent to homeless individuals as part of the 100 Rooms immediate solution. Commissioner Garner asked whether City of Oakland has funding for homeowners to rehabilitate their homes up to code to rent to homeless individuals.
 - Mayor Schaaf stated that the City has a Rental Rehabilitation Program that gives landlords interest free loans that do not have to be paid back until the owner sells the property. She also clarified that her proposal at the State of the City speech is for landlords with apartment units or secondary units rather than for single family homeowners renting out rooms. Moreover, she praised organizations like Bay Area Community Services (BACS) for their assistance in housing homeless individuals in a myriad of ways.
- Commissioner Contreras inquired about whether there is a new definition for affordable housing.
 - Mayor Schaaf stated that in terms of subsidized housing, each city or metro area has affordability defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), based on percentage of area median income (AMI), which changes each year. It also depends on the project. For first time homebuyer programs, 100 to 120 percent of AMI is common. In terms of housing for the formerly homeless, Measure KK funds will be dedicated to

housing for those who make 20 percent of AMI or less. Other projects can be 50 or 60 percent AMI. Impact fees in Oakland also encourage development of housing for different incomes.

- Commissioner Contreras suggested having the City of Oakland pursue the policy of “visitability” that Mr. Brillinger from City of Alameda Committee on Disability presented earlier.
- Chair Sperling expressed concern about physical and mental disabilities in the homeless community.
 - Mayor Schaaf stated that the most recent Alameda County homeless census revealed that one-third have a disability.
 - Chair Sperling stated that the MCPD does not want to reinvent the wheel around homelessness but hopes that the Mayor welcomes their input.
- Commissioner Meshack expressed concern about BART and CalTrans fencing off their property and displacing homeless individuals onto City sidewalks and streets, which block public pathways. Oaklanders pay taxes towards these public entities for them to force the burden back on the City. How can these entities help contribute towards solutions?
 - Last Friday, City of Oakland began grading land at 6th and Brush Streets for the first ever Navigation Center in Oakland. Mayor Schaaf expressed great interest in the MCPD speaking with other entities such as BART, CalTrans, and AC Transit to contribute funds to leverage

resources with the City towards additional Navigation Centers. She inquired if MCPD has connected with other Commissions at BART and AC Transit to hold a commission summit.

- Commissioner van Docto stated that there has been a former and current MCPD Commissioner serve on a Commission at BART.
- Commissioner Wright expressed concern about the pilot program with Tuff Sheds. Will participants be required to partake in social services? Will there be security? How will you prevent rodents?
 - Mayor Schaaf stated that it will be a secured site that only allows the unsheltered residents to enter. There will be a dog run. Partners will be allowed. The goal is move people into permanent housing. For those not ready, they will be moved to rapid rehousing centers like Henry Robinson Center and St. Vincent de Paul.
- Commissioner van Docto raised the concern of police interaction with persons with disabilities and allowing Commissioners to sit in on police trainings to provide feedback.
 - Mayor Schaaf expressed the appreciation for the partnership and will speak to the Police Chief about this.
- Commissioner Contreras also raised the issue of homelessness for youth.

- Commissioner van Docto raised the issue of a regional approach and influencing the state to further fund housing and supportive services.
 - Mayor Schaaf stated that having supportive services on site is the most successful model, but bonds only allow to fund infrastructure. Social impact bonds could lead to much savings in hospitals and 911 response. Thus, more advocacy is needed at the state level to change this policy.
 - The larger, more philosophical question is about reassessing how to house people and regulate housing.
- Finally, Mayor Schaaf recommended Commissioners to also reach out to City Council members.

B. Establishment of a Community Outreach Ad Hoc Committee; *Frank Sperling, Chair*

- This committee involves the MCPD Facebook page and liaisons to other boards and commissions.
- Members: Commissioners Hong, Wright, and Garner; Contreras will be available for one meeting.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- A. Department of Transportation (DOT) Parking and Mobility Programs Update on Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles in the Taxi Program
- B. DOT Parking and Mobility Programs Update on Accessibility in the Bikeshare Program

- C. DOT Update on Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Repair Programs
 - D. DOT Update on Pedestrian Master Plan
 - E. DOT Update on Bicycle Master Plan
 - F. Joint AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee and MCPD Update
 - G. City Administrator's Office Update on Project Implementation
 - H. Oakland Fire Department, Emergency Management Services Division Overview of Methods for Addressing Access and Functional Needs During an Emergency
 - I. Planning and Building Department Update on the Planning Division
 - J. Oakland Police Department Update on Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
 - K. Housing and Community Development Update on Home Modification Funding
 - L. Infrastructure Bond Implementation and FY 2017-19
 - M. Homeless Persons with Physical and Mental Disabilities in Oakland
- XII. Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.