City of Oakland  
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
Monday, March 19, 2018  

Minutes  

I. Call to Order  

II. Roll Call  

• 6 Commissioners present: Harrington, Meshack, Ryan, Sperling, van Docto, Young  

III. Public Comments  

• None  

IV. Agenda Modification and Approval  

• Motion to approve Agenda: Sperling  
  Seconded by van Docto  
  Aye: 6 - Harrington, Meshack, Ryan, Sperling, van Docto, Young  
  Motion passed.  

V. Approval of February 26, 2018 Minutes  

• Motion to approve Minutes: Sperling  
  Seconded by Ryan  
  Aye: 6 - Harrington, Meshack, Ryan, Sperling, van Docto, Young  
  Motion passed.  

VI. Chair Report; Brian Harrington, Co-Vice Chair  

• None
VII. Commissioner’s Announcements

- Commissioner Harrington stated that Commissioner Contreras has resigned to handle a family emergency.

- Commissioner Meshack caught up on checking his new email account created for MCPD business. He retracted his past statement regarding Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) staff not contacting him.

VIII. Staff Report; Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager

- On March 6, Mr. Nguyen attended a charrette in San Francisco on designing protected bike lanes that are safe and accessible for seniors and persons with disabilities.
  
  o This event was co-sponsored by Walk SF, Senior Disability Action, and Vision Zero SF.

  o Five staff members from OakDOT also attended, including engineers who work on designing protected bike lane projects. They found the charrette productive in terms of better understanding best practices and lessons learned.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

A. Strategic Planning Retreat Follow-up; Co-Vice Chair Harrington

  - Commissioners read updates to their assigned objectives one by one.

B. Community Outreach

  - Update at future meeting

C. Homelessness; Commissioner van Docto
• March 5, Commissioner van Docto attended a community conversation on homelessness, hosted by At-Large Council Member Rebecca Kaplan.

  o Representatives present included the following:
    ▪ Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley
    ▪ Ken Chambers, a faith leader from the community
    ▪ Elaine de Coligny, EveryOne Home
    ▪ Needa Bee from the Village
    ▪ Three temporary and fast-build housing business representatives

  o Council Member Kaplan proposed a tax on vacant property for the November ballot to create a fund to address homeless issues. Preliminary figures indicated that there could be 4,000 to 5,000 vacant units in Oakland, which exceeds the homeless count of about 3,000.

  o Additionally, there are over 6,000 underutilized lots that could be developed.

  o Another idea came from a church interested in opening their parking lot to implement the Tuff Shed Navigation Center model.

  o A member of the public spoke to Commissioner van Docto afterwards stating that she has lupus. Thus, she is sensitive to scents and urged future shelters take that disability into account as well.

IX. Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) Update on Let’s Bike Oakland, Oakland’s Bike Plan; Sarah Fine, Project Manager; Lily Brown, Assistant Project Manager, Great Streets Division
• Commissioner Harrington requested Ms. Fine and Ms. Brown to tailor their presentation to highlight issues that either concerns or be of interest to people with disabilities.

• Project schedule of February through December 2018 includes the following:
  o Outreach and engagement:
    o Existing conditions
    o Update plan
    o Environmental Analysis

• Community Partners:
  o Bikes4Life
  o Cycles of Change
  o East Oakland Collective
  o Outdoor Afro
  o Scraper Bike Team

• Applying equity framework:
  o The majority of people in the flatlands said they would like to bike more than they do now.
  
  o Focus areas for bike plan update include West Oakland, Downtown, Eastlake, Fruitvale, and Central East Oakland
  
  o Groups of focus include people of color, women, people of no- and low-income, people with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, children and seniors, single parents, and people who do not own cars or do not drive.

• Commissioner Harrington wanted to make sure the bike plan better includes designs for persons with disabilities.
Ms. Fine stated that design guidelines are more frequent than the bicycle master plan and are being scoped separately.

X. Future Agenda Items

A. OakDOT Update on Pedestrian Master Plan
B. OakDOT Update on Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Project
C. OakDOT Update on Accessibility in the Bikeshare Program
D. OakDOT Update on Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Repair Programs
E. OakDOT Update on Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles in the Taxi Program
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 FY 2017-19

XI. Adjournment