City of Oakland
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, August 21, 2017

Minutes

I. Call to Order: 5:30 pm

II. Roll Call
   • Chair Sperling announced that all 10 Commissioners are present: Contreras, Garner, Gregory, Harrington, Hong, Meshack, Sperling, Van Docto, Young, Zisser

III. Public Comments
   • None

IV. Commissioner’s Announcements
   • Commissioner Thomas Gregory shared that he spoke at the Allen Temple Baptist Church’s Disability Resources Summit on behalf of the MCPD.

V. Chair Report; Frank Sperling, Chair
   • Welcome new member Daryl Meshack: Commissioner Meshack was invited to introduce himself and so stated that he has been engaged with the City of Oakland since the days of Mayor Wilson. He represented the Paralyzed Veterans of America as ambassador to Fukushima, Japan.

   • July 23, Chair Sperling attended Bay Area Childcare Collective meeting on introduction to ASL and deaf culture
• Commissioner Roundtree submitted her resignation; Chair Sperling recognized her for her representation of the MCPD at events.

VI. Approval of July 2017 Minutes (Exhibit A)

• Commissioner Gregory requested further modification to page two of the July 2017 minutes to indicate that it was only he who stated the preference that all topics be addressed by the full commission when all or most commissioners express interest, but no or few commissioners volunteer to serve on an ad hoc committee to address. Commissioner Alicia Contreras’ position was that the entirety of the MCPD should be involved in discussions on topics of interest and that there should not be delegation to an ad hoc committee.

• Chair Sperling stated that he prefers using the word “corrected” rather than “amended” or modified for when referring to changes to the draft minutes.

• Motion to approve July 2017 minutes as corrected: Commissioner Harrington Seconded by multiple commissioners Aye: 10 - Contreras, Garner, Gregory, Harrington, Hong, Meshack, Sperling, Van Docto, Young, Zisser Motion passed.

VII. Agenda Modification and Approval
• None

VIII. ADA Programs Division Report; Sherri Rita, ADA Programmatic Access Coordinator
• Ms. Rita requested that the MCPD set aside one and half hours at the September MCPD regular meeting to receive a status report on the City’s ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update Project including deliverables to date and next steps.

• Ms. Rita also suggested that the MCPD set aside time at the September MCPD meeting to review the draft MCPD Annual Report as it has been tentatively scheduled for presentation to City Council in October.

• Chair Sperling stated both items should appear on the September 2017 regular meeting agenda.

IX. New Business

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

   • Item tabled due to unavailability of Mayor and her staff.

B. Review City Boards and Commissions and Identify Appropriate Liaisons (Exhibit B)

   • Chair Sperling opened the discussion by explaining how Commissioners should volunteer to monitor other City boards and commissions to ensure that issues relevant to the disability community are adequately represented. He explained that this monitoring
could consist of meeting attendance, agenda/minutes review, or remote attendance. With these considerations in mind, he requested that commissioners identify bodies they believe should be actively monitored and for which they would be willing to serve as liaisons, as follows:

- Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Harrington
- Board of Port Commissioners: Contreras
- Budget Advisory Commission: Meshack
- Citizen’s Police Review Board (transition to Police Commission after City Council approval in Fall): Zisser
- City Planning Commission: Garner
- Commission on Aging: Gregory
- Head Start Advisory Board: Sperling
- Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board: Hong
- Oakland Workforce Development board: van Docto
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: Young

C. Homeless Persons with Physical and Mental Disabilities in Oakland; Caleb van Docto and Reverend Sarah Garner, Commissioners

- Commissioners van Docto and Garner were unable to meet prior to this meeting to develop a proposed agenda item for MCPD discussion on this topic, therefore, this item was tabled.

X. Old Business
A. Bike Share Accessibility Update; Michael Ford, Parking and Mobility Programs Manager, Department of Transportation

- Mr. Ford stated that 53 of 70 planned stations have been activated.

- He provided an update and overview of the proposed pilot and the role of the regional advisory body that would lead the pilot. He identified the following individuals/entities as comprising the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), largely mirroring the stakeholders that were convened earlier this year to help explore options for responding the MCPD’s initial accessibility complaint:
  - MCPD: Three seats, with Commissioners Contreras, Sperling, and Gregory having previously expressed interest in serving.
  - Bike Hub
  - Access Northern CA: Bonnie Lewkowicz
  - Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP): Greg Milano
  - US Department of Transportation and MTC: Dorene Giacopini
  - Bike East Bay: Ginger Jui
  - Center for Independent Living: Thomas Gregory or Rebecca Servin
  - Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC): Kara Oberg
  - Motivate: Emily Stapleton
• Representatives from Berkeley, Emeryville, San Francisco, San Jose, the other participating Bike Share cities.

• City of Oakland will host the TAC meetings and participation by phone will be available. The first meeting is scheduled for September 26th, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., location to be announced. The TAC will establish its schedule for the remainder of the pilot year at this meeting.

• The purpose of the TAC will be to provide feedback on the pilot project, including locations, equipment, and the necessary partnerships and resources, such as with/through BORP, to make adaptive cycles available to users as part of the regional bike share program, with the goal of having executed agreements for adaptive bike services in October.

• Commissioner Contreras complimented Mr. Ford for the quality of the representation on the proposed TAC. Additionally, she recommended adding Jenny Kern, an avid bicyclist in the disability community who has quadriplegia.

• Commissioner Contreras also inquired about the cost and time allowance for the current Bike Share program. Mr. Ford responded as follows:

  o Membership is $149 per year for an unlimited number of bike rides at 30
minutes per ride (which may be extended to 40 minutes now)

- Persons eligible for the PG&E Care Program can sign up for first year of the Bike Share program for $5, and then $5 per month after that. For those without bank accounts, the Bike Share program is working with Oakland Public Library, so members can pay $5 in cash at the library.

- Commissioner Meshack inquired whether those without membership can pick up a bike. Mr. Ford stated that non-members can join the network on a per ride or daily basis. Cost is $3 per ride. More information at fordgobike.com.

- Ginger Jui from Bike East Bay inquired about the launch date for the pilot project. Mr. Ford stated that it is based on the capacity of BORP, but it could possibly be late October. Ms. Jui stated that October is an awkward time because it is the start of the rainy season.

- Commissioner Harrington inquired about funding for the pilot program. Mr. Ford stated MTC, Motivate, and City of Oakland are the initial funders and have pledged monetary and in-kind support in equal amounts. The total that being committed for the initial pilot effort is $30,000.

XI. Adjourned: 7:19 pm