



City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, April 18, 2022 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Conference

Minutes

Commissioners: Howard Tevelson (Chair), Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair), Noah Smith (Vice Chair), Erin Hattersley, Ayanna Keeton, Marjorie Lynne, Leonard Moore

Commission staff: Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager; Karen Denicore, ADA Program Analyst I

Presenters: Opie Bellas-FODP, Bivett Brackett-Lime, Maya Amichai-OakDOT, Nicole Ferrara-OakDOT

Other attendees (from webinar Attendee list): Emma Martin (TheCIL) Ofurhe Igbinedion, Chonita Chew (USOAC), Sheela Gunn-Cushman, Kyle O'Malley, RecSup Lopez, Regina Simmons Howard, Scott Means (Oakland Aging and Adult Services), Jocelyn Cruz, 510-414-4844

Meeting called to order by Chair Tevelson at 5:39 pm. At roll call, quorum was not established with 5 of seven commissioners present (X).

Commissioners	Present (x)
Howard Tevelson (Chair)	X
Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair)	Late
Noah Smith (Vice Chair)	X
Erin Hattersley	X
Ayanna Keeton	X
Marjorie Lynne	X
Leonard Moore	Absent

Open Forum

- Sheela Gunn Cushman - AC Transit has things going on that are relevant to persons with disabilities including a contested election for District 4 of AC Transit that will be a swing vote. She and another person have submitted a resolution to the California Council of the Blind regarding housing and accessibility for folks with vision impairment and blindness. 2nd boosters are out and available.

- Ofurhe Igbinedion - wants to follow up with attendee from a meeting last year regarding leading pedestrian intervals.
- Chonita Chew- The annual USOAC Convention, scheduled for 7/29/22 at the Fairgrounds, and the yearly Healthy Living Festival on 9/29 to be held at The Oakland Zoo. The 31st Annual Convention and Walk Club Luncheon, an in-person gathering at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, will be held on Friday, July 29, 2022 starting at 9:00 am.
- Regina Simmons Howard- Points out accessibility issues with stores and states that she received a parking ticket in a handicap spot while doing voter registration as a citizen and the city of Oakland would not let her contest her ticket and raised the bill and says that they will put in on her DMV registration.

Quorum of six was established when Vice Chair Eberhardt checked in at 5:48 pm.

The agenda was accepted without modification and unanimous voice approval.

March 2022 Minutes were adopted with a motion from Commissioner Smith, a second from Commissioner Eberhardt, and unanimous approval.

The 2021 Virtual Meeting Resolution was re-adopted with a motion from Commissioner Eberhardt and second from Commissioner Smith, with 6 yes votes from the six commissioners present.

Commissioners	Yes	No	Abstain
Howard Tevelson (Chair)	X		
Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair)	X		
Noah Smith (Vice Chair)	X		
Erin Hattersley	X		
Ayanna Keeton	X		
Marjorie Lynne	X		
Leonard Moore	Absent		

Commissioner's Announcements

- Vice Chair Eberhardt- Has just completed Building Leadership, Building Community training to increase her facilitation and community engagement skills to support the work of MCPD.
- Chair Tevelson will be presenting the MCPD Annual Report to the Life Enrichment Committee (LEC) of the Oakland City Council in the next two months. We are just waiting now to see when we will be put on the calendar.

[Friends of Dimond Park](https://www.friendsofdimondpark.org/home) (FODP)

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Co-Founder and Board Chair Opie Bellas briefed the commission on the FODP history of advocacy for ADA Accessibility, their accomplishments their recent Accessibility Report for Dimond Park and their current goal and petition to have funding included in the 2022-2024 City Budget for two priorities: ADA Access and Playground/Tot Lot improvements

- Commissioner Hattersley can send an email out to her Glenview Neighborhood Group about the petition which is going to be closed down by the end of the week.
- Vice Chair Smith says that this is required by law and the issue makes the city liable for a lawsuit. There should not have to be a petition to get this done.
- There is an area that is more accessible, but it is not ADA accessible and Opie is not sure if the bathrooms are ADA accessible but agrees with Chair Tevelson that it should be included and addressed if not.
- MCPD agreed to write a letter of support for FODP with a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconds from Commissioners Tevelson and Eberhardt and unanimous approval from all six commissioners present.
- Scott Means from Oakland Aging and Adult Services would like all the information that she provided in a timely manner so he could also work with the commission. Is working on age friendly cities and would like to organize.

- Sheela has signed the petition and will share it in her network. She only saw the petition about the playground. The petition includes both but the website is not fully accessible. Wants staff to tell them how to make it accessible and to coach presenters on describing what they are showing.
- Anh Nguyen described the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding cycles and opportunities to impact budget decisions.

[Lime Adaptive Scooters](#), Lime Able, and [Lime Access](#)

Bivett Brackett, Lime Senior Manager of Government Relations, spoke on their current adaptive service, the Lime Able Program, and the Lime Access program. Lime Access provides discounted fares to qualifying riders in the United States, and access to Lime scooters for people without smartphones or credit cards.

- Sheela Gunn Cushman states that blind people can't use the scooters and that they are dangerous in how they are let in sitting out in random spots.
- Anh Nguyen pointed out the dual seat model that would allow for someone to ride with another person.

[California State Assembly Bill 2336](#) (Friedman)

Speed Safety Systems Pilot Program. Maya Amichai the new SOS coordinator for OakDOT introduced Assembly Bill 2336, a proposed state law that would allow Oakland and 5 other cities to administer speed safety systems as a pilot program. Oakland would be permitted a total 18 safety systems administered the Department of Transportation

- Commissioner Lynne pointed out the problem of speed bumps causing extreme pain to individuals with joint damage and other pain issues
- Commissioner Eberhardt is not sure if she supports moving traffic stops away from OPD as that seems to be the way that many criminals are identified and taken off the street. Since speeding can kill people, the penalties should be high. Since crime is a big issue in Oakland, she does not think that she can support taking away one of

the ways that criminals are actually caught when they are pulled over and it is discovered that they have warrants out.

- Sheela Gunn Cushman is concerned about yellow flashing lights being ineffective and about traffic islands and their danger to various members of the disability community.
- A motion to support AB 2336 with a letter from MCPD was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Keeton but did not have a majority to pass at this time with only 5 yes votes from the six Commissioners present.

Flex Streets Parklet Program Guidelines presentation from Nicole Ferrara was postponed for lack of time with a plan to reschedule May 16th.

Staff Updates and Announcements

- Oakland City Challenge - The City of Oakland is calling on the public to submit proposals for how to address our city's biggest challenges like homelessness, violent crime, and abandoned vehicles and dumping.
- City of Oakland Older Americans Month (OAM) Event May 4th, 2022 is a socially distanced virtual watch party presented by the Mayor's Commission on Aging and Aging & Adult Services.
- ADA Programs recruitment for an ADA Programmatic Access Coordinator has been extended again to 4/26/2022 to acquire a strong applicant pool.

Future Agenda Items

See MCPD scheduler at tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner. Suggestions for future agenda items are also welcome at adaprograms@oaklandca.gov.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm with a motion from Commissioner Eberhardt, a second from Commissioner Smith, and unanimous approval.