



**City of Oakland**  
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
Monday, August 16, 2021. 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Minutes**

**NOTE:** Approved minutes and video recordings are posted at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/mayors-commission-on-persons-with-disabilities/meetings>

**Commissioners:** Noah Smith (Chair), Thomas Gregory (Vice Chair), Cathy Eberhardt, Marjorie Lynne, Karen Nakamura, Frank Sperling, and Howard Tevelson

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

**Presenters:** None

**Other attendees (from webinar Attendee list):** Chonita Chew/ USOAC, Sheela Gunn-Cushman, Helen Walsh, Dave Campbell, Ayanna Keeton

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Smith at 5:34 PM. At roll call, quorum was established with seven of seven commissioners present (x).

Commissioners	Present (x)
Noah Smith (Chair)	x
Thomas Gregory (Vice-Chair)	x
Cathy Eberhardt	x
Marjorie Lynne	x
Karen Nakamura	x
Frank Sperling	x
Howard Tevelson	x

2. Open Forum
  - Attendee reports on Oakland Tenants Union concerns about Roots Health Center's anti-smoking campaign seeking to ban smoking in multi-unit dwellings.

- United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County (USOAC) are still planning to have their Healthy Living Festival at the Oakland Zoo on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The time has been adjusted to start at 9:00 AM and the event will be drive through this year.
  - Dave Campbell, advocacy director of Bike East Bay, reports that the City Council has approved the protected bike lane project on Telegraph and they have the project finally designed. Invited the commissioners to go out with him to look at some of the projects in progress and see what can be done to make them more accessible.
3. Agenda unanimously approved with a motion from Commissioner Gregory and a second from Commissioner Eberhardt.

July 2021 Minutes unanimously approved with a motion from Commissioner Gregory and a second from Commissioner Tevelson upon clarification of one item.

4. Commissioner's Announcements

- Commissioner Lynne: Third Covid vaccine shots are now available at CVS and Walgreens for those who are immunocompromised.
- Commissioner Gregory: There has been no update on the status of the \$1 million dollars that had been earmarked for residential access modifications.

5. Ad Hoc Committee Proposal

**Action Item: Chair Smith and Commissioner Sperling, will work with staff to identify potential ad hoc or standing committees and liaison positions that would help further the charter and mission of MCPD, and return to the full commission with their recommendations.**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Eberhardt and unanimously approved by the commission

*To create an ad hoc committee, made up of Chair Smith and Commissioner Sperling, to work with staff to identify potential ad hoc or standing committees and liaison positions that would help further the charter and mission of MCPD, and return to the full commission with their recommendations.*

## 6. Discussion on 2021 Retreat and September Meeting

**Action Item: MCPD will have regularly scheduled virtual monthly meeting on the third Monday of September and not have an in-person retreat. The chair and vice-chair will work with staff to set the agenda.**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Tevelson and seconded by Commissioner Gregory and unanimously approved by the commission

*To hold the regularly scheduled virtual monthly meeting on the third Monday of September and not have an in-person retreat.*

## 7. Staff Updates and Announcements

- The Bicycle & Pedestrian Programs upcoming project, “The Million Dollar E-Bike Library” is planned for start up in early 2022 and includes various adaptive bikes in their planned 500 E-Bike library. [BIKE OAKLAND newsletter](#)
- Oakland Mayor’s weekly announcement reports that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is partnering with Regional Asthma Management and Prevention and [Roots Community Health Center](#) to provide air filtration units to 2,000 low-income East Oakland residents with uncontrolled asthma. Inquiries can be addressed to: [admin@rootsclinic.org](mailto:admin@rootsclinic.org).

## 8. Future Agenda Items

Upcoming potential items in the queue are:

- Oakland Elevator Ordinance presentation from the City Attorney's office planned for strategic Goal 3.3
- Presentation from a local PG&E representative planned for strategic Goal 1.2.

Requested agenda items are:

- The status of the residential access modification funding tracked for strategic plan Goal 3.1.
- Presentation from OakDOT on their "Holistic Bike Lane Plan" including the recently approved bike lane project mentioned by Bike East Bay.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.