



## City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
Monday, August 15, 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, Kyle O'Malley

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

**Presenters:** Michael Randolph, OakDOT, Kerby Olsen, OakDOT, Michael Ford, OakDOT

**Other attendees** (from webinar Attendee list): Fatimah Aure, Michele Magar, Orfurhe Igbinedion (OakDOT), Itzel Romero, Bianca, J

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Meeting called to order by Chair Tevelson at 5:35 pm. At roll call, quorum was not established with 5 of eight commissioners present (X)

Commissioners	Present (x)
Howard Tevelson (Chair)	x
Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair)	x
Noah Smith (Vice Chair)	absent
Erin Hattersley	late
Ayanna Keeton	absent
Marjorie Lynne	x
Leonard Moore	x
Kyle O'Malley	x

There were no speakers for open forum.

Quorum was established when Commissioner Hattersley signed in.

The agenda was approved without modification by unanimous voice consent.

July 2022 Minutes were adopted with a motion from Vice Chair Eberhardt, a second from Commissioner O'Malley, and unanimous voice consent.

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

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Howard Tevelson (Chair)	x		
Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair)	x		
Noah Smith (Vice Chair)	absent		
Erin Hattersley	x		
Ayanna Keeton	absent		
Marjorie Lynne	x		
Leonard Moore	x		
Kyle O'Malley	x		

### Commissioner's Announcements and Strategic Plan Updates

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>GOALS</b>
Howard Tevelson (Chair)	1.1, 2.1
Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair)	1.2, 3.2
Noah Smith (Vice Chair)	3.1, 3.2
Erin Hattersley	1.1, 3.1
Ayanna Keeton	1.2
Marjorie Lynne	1.2
Leonard Moore	2.1
Kyle O'Malley	1.2, 2.1 update

- Chair Tevelson reports meeting with OPD and initial steps in confirming a presentation from OPD at the November meeting and directs ADA staff to continue to press for confirmation.

- Chair Tevelson reports ADA Programs has been moved out of OakDOT and is now part of the City Administrator's Office as recommended by MCPD.
- Vice Chair Eberhardt will touch base with other commissioners working on the same goals.
- Commissioner Hattersley has no updates but looks forward to advancing affordable housing opportunities.
- Commissioner O'Malley would like to support however he can but especially with goal 1.2 and to assist the community in terms of disasters and power shut offs. Also interested to update the goal stated in 2.1.
- Chair Tevelson states that ADA Programs has recommended 3 new appointees to the Mayor's office and hopes they will be appointed in time to participate in developing the 2023 strategic plan goals.
- Commissioner Moore does not believe that he has been assigned any goal and Chair Tevelson reminds him that he signed up for 2.1 and that he could go ahead and review the strategic goals and updates just sent out.

Chair Tevelson updated the commission on the position taken on hosting candidate forums during 2022 strategic planning that MCPD and ADA programs did not have capacity but urged all commissioners to reach out to all candidates running to advocate on behalf of persons with disabilities.

- Chair Tevelson would like to be provided with contacts for all candidates for Oakland Mayor and Oakland City Council seats

Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan Update with Michael Randolph from OakDOT.

- Vice Chair Eberhardt observes that all the charging times and options mentioned seem like a very long time to make a car just go and that there would need to be a lot of charging stations to meet the need. She also does not like the use of PG&E and it seems like it would be

very difficult to manage the charging. What about the costs of retrofitting housing?

- Commissioner O'Malley what is the ideal proportion of public and private ownerships of charging facilities? Is there publicly owned real estate that is accessible and has been identified for potential use?
- East Bay Community Energy provides clean energy to Oakland and is a partner utility in the effort to build out charging in the East Bay. There are already a few chargers in the public right of way but it is expected that there will be a lot of public/private partnerships needed to meet capacity.
- Chair Tevelson will accessible spots have signs? Yes. What about BART? They have their own plan and agenda but they are also thinking it through right now but contacts have been made with them. Will there be enforcement at charge stations that are used for parking? Municipal codes will need to be updated to actually enforce charging only.
- The issue of battery fires with ZEVs is a safety concern and there is dialogue with OFD and keeping them updated on addressing the batteries and the charging stations is an action in the plan.

Kerby Olsen, presented and took questions and comments on a proposal to systematically address parking on the sidewalk on narrow streets throughout the City where this behavior occurs.

- Chair Tevelson mentions that High Street from MacArthur that is a wider street but the driveways are very steep and residents avoid them and use the sidewalk.
- Commissioner O'Malley asked about the equity issue and whether enforcement might be based on the amount of off-street parking available. Resident parking might be more accessible in more affluent neighborhoods.
- The goal is to improve sidewalk access for the benefit of everyone who uses it. The job is really just to enforce the rules about where

people should not be parking and the plan is to address the issue wherever it occurs.

- Michele Magar wonders if there is plan to prioritize streets with persons who use wheelchairs who have made complaints. The plan now is to address the narrow streets where sidewalk parking occurs. It is a good suggestion to look at where the complaints are coming in. Parking enforcement does respond to requests and parking citation data can and should be used in the ongoing analysis.
- Commissioner O'Malley would like to see the updated data sets on the complaints about sidewalk parking.
- Commissioner Moore recommends a connection with Lighthouse for the Blind which does travel training in Oakland.
- Short driveways that extend over the sidewalk are not private property so cars that are parked over the sidewalk are blocking the right of way and there is enforcement.

Chair Tevelson suggested that MCPD include community outreach at city sponsored events and using engagement opportunities with social media in the 2023 strategic planning with the goal of increasing attendance and community input. He urges all commissioners to reach out to all candidates running to advocate on behalf of persons with disabilities and to share any contacts that they have for the candidates.

- Anh Nguyen says that ADA Programs has an MCPD table banner.
- Michele Magar suggested that MCPD draft a set of questions for Mayoral candidates (and City Council?) and send them to each candidate. The MCPD can publish their responses side by side so that their positions on disability issues and the critical importance of ADA compliance in the City of Oakland is transparent and in their own words.
- Chair Tevelson has asked that each commissioner think about their questions and send them to staff attention.

There was a discussion on an MCPD Retreat for strategic planning.

- Chair Tevelson asked for a survey on who is interested and who is available for an in-person meeting on a Saturday in October or November.
- It is not certain that the City of Oakland is ready to have in person commission meetings. Anh says he will continue to reach out for clarification.

Chair Tevelson requested the meeting be extended 5 to 10 minutes although Vice Chair Eberhardt did have to leave at 7:30 pm.

- Chair Tevelson requests that Anh reach out and find out if we can have a meeting in person and what location the city can offer.
- Anh still wants to determine the interest in having an in-person retreat and will send out a survey to find level of interest.
- Chair Tevelson asks if meeting can be changed to November.

#### Staff Updates and Announcements

- There is an Oakland Mayor Candidates forum at Laney College on August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ADA Programs has moved to City Administrator's Office.
- Anh needs a facilitator to help with the strategic plan and asks that if anyone has a good candidate to send him the information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm