

City of Oakland
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Special Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2019

Minutes

I. Call to Order at 5:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call

7 Commissioners present: Gregory, Lynne, Meu, Nakamura, Ryan, Sperling, Tevelson

III. Public Comments:

- Sheela Gunn-Cushman raised concerns about sidewalk conditions, including vegetation not being cut. Also, she tripped and fell on a scooter at Fruitvale BART. She wants them better regulated, including geofencing.
- She also requested a traffic signal or stop sign at Brookdale Avenue at Fruitvale Avenue to make it easier to go to and from the bus stop.
- ADA Programs Division staff will follow up with Ms. Gunn-Cushman regarding her concerns and provide her information and resources she seeks.

IV. Agenda Modification and Approval

- Motion to approve agenda without modifications:
Sperling
Seconded by Gregory
Aye - 8: Gregory, Lynne, Meu, Nakamura, Ryan, Smith, Sperling, Tevelson

V. Approval of January 28, 2019 Minutes

- The minutes were modified as follows:

- Motion on policy proposal 5 – Joint Liability Ordinance
Aye – 4: Meshack, Meu, Ryan, Sperling
Nay – 1: Tevelson
Abstain – 4: Gregory, Lynne, Nakamura, Smith

- Motion to approve minutes with modifications:
Sperling
Seconded by Tevelson
Aye - 8: Gregory, Lynne, Meu, Nakamura, Ryan, Smith, Sperling, Tevelson

VI. Chair Report; *Karen Nakamura, Chair*

- Chair Nakamura met with ADA Division staff and Vice Chair Sperling to get up to speed as the new chair.

VII. Commissioner's Announcements

- Commissioner Gregory shared the following:
 - City of Oakland passed a scooter share ordinance that includes how companies may apply for permits. The companies must also educate scooter riders and enforce rules, especially on sidewalks or else be subject to a reduction in permits or revocation of their permits entirely by City of Oakland.
 - Also, a private law firm and Disability Rights California filed a class action lawsuit on January 9 against City of San Diego and e-scooter companies regarding lack of access to sidewalks and demanding that scooters not be allowed to be parked on sidewalks at all.

VIII. Paving Update; *Sarah Fine, Program Manager, Complete Streets Paving & Sidewalks, Great Streets Division, Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT)*

- Ms. Fine presented “Repave Oakland: Policy Preview of Oakland’s Next Paving Plan” (see attachment) that included the following:
 - Past and present street pavement conditions
 - New versus old paving prioritization plan
 - Proposed priorities for local and major streets using planning areas and equity as a goal
 - Schedule of community meetings to attend before proposal goes to City Council
 - Maps and other information will be available online: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/2019-paving-plan>

IX. Measure KK Funds for Home Modifications to Enhance Accessibility; *Loyd Ware, Residential Lending Services Manager, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)*

- Mr. Ware responded to the letter from MCPD sent in August 2018 to Michelle Byrd, Director of Housing and Community Development, by sharing information on resources within the Residential Lending Program.
 - Home Rehabilitation is part of their blanket program. Thus, home modification does apply to rental properties. The property owner must agree to apply for what the tenant wants, since program staff must record a deed against the property.
 - They do have \$1.5 million in Measure KK funds for their program. Also, there is a loan program and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

- All funds are first come, first serve; they are not pre-allocated for specific programs within the blanket Residential Lending Program.
- Commissioner Gregory reiterated from the letter that for about 20 years, City of Berkeley has funded access-enhancing home modifications for low-to-moderate-income Berkeley renters. Raquel Molina, Management Analyst with City of Berkeley's Health, Housing, and Community Services Division, has offered to provide technical assistance to City of Oakland HCD staff. Ms. Molina can be reached at RMolina@cityofberkeley.info or 510-981-5412.

X. Staff Updates and Announcements; *Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager*

- Mr. Nguyen attended a workshop on February 15 hosted by the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on implementing Senate Bill 1376. More information at www.cpuc.ca.gov/tncaccess.
- He also updated that earlier today, the Oakland City Council held its first budget workshop, which included results from a budget priorities survey. Those results will be attached as part of the minutes for this meeting.

XI. Strategic Planning Retreat Follow-up

- Due to lack of time, MCPD may need to schedule a separate meeting to finalize the Strategic Plan or during next MCPD meeting, meet earlier or stay longer.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- A. Objective 1.1: Accessibility in the Bike Share Program
- B. Objective 1.2: Disabled Parking Spaces and Abuse of Disabled Parking Placards

- C. Objective 1.3: Accessibility of Fixed-Route Transit Systems in Oakland
 - D. Objective 1.4: Reliability and Customer Service of Paratransit Systems in Oakland
 - E. Objective 1.5: Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles in the Taxi Program and Transportation Network Companies
 - F. Objective 1.6: Oakland's Complete Streets Program
 - G. Objective 2.1: Oakland Police Department Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
 - H. Objective 2.2: Oakland Fire Department, Emergency Management Services Division Overview of Methods for Addressing Access and Functional Needs During an Emergency and Natural Disasters
 - I. Objective 3.1: Update on Community Outreach
 - J. Objective 4.1: ADA Transition Plan, including Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Repair
 - K. Objective 4.2: Equitable Prioritization of Measure KK Funds for Public Infrastructure Improvements
 - L. Objective 5.1: Measure KK Funds for Home Modifications to Enhance Accessibility
 - M. Objective 5.2: Identify and Reduce Number of Homeless Persons with Disabilities in Oakland
- XIII. Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.