



City of Oakland
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, February 22, 2021

MINUTES

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

Commission staff: Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager; Jennifer Stanley (interim), Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Coordinator; Adrianna Mitchell

Presenters: Kerby Olsen, Yvonna Cazares, Franchesha Christine

Other attendees (from webinar Attendee list): Sheela Gunn-Cushman, Madlynn Johnson, Alyssa Walker, Chonita Chee, Karen Denicore, Dominic Lucchesi, Helen Walsh

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1. Teleconference Protocol, Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Smith at 5:31pm. At roll call, quorum was established with six of nine commissioners present (**X**); two (**x**) arrived later in the meeting; one was excused.

| Commissioners | Present (x) |
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| Reid Davenport | x |
| Cathy Eberhardt | X |
| Thomas Gregory | X |
| Marjorie Lynne | x |
| Karen Nakamura | X |
| Karina Ryan | excused |
| Noah Smith | X |
| Frank Sperling | X |
| Howard Tevelson | X |

2. Open Forum
- Ms. Gunn-Cushman spoke on the COVID vaccine situation in

Alameda County.

- Commissioner Nakamura also spoke about the COVID vaccine.

3. Agenda Modification

- None

4. Approval of January 2021 Minutes

- A motion to approve the minutes was made (Commissioner Gregory), seconded (Commissioner Sperling), and passed with all voting in favor.

5. Nominations and voting for new Chair/Vice-Chair of MCPD

- Anh facilitated the election.
- For Chair, Commissioner Smith was nominated by Commissioner Tevelson. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Lynn.

Commissioner Smith accepted the nomination.

Second Call: There were no other nominations.

Third Call: There were no other nominations.

All voted in favor, and Commissioner Smith was elected as the new MCPD chair.

- For Vice-Chair, Commissioners Lynn and Gregory were nominated as co-vice chairpersons by Commissioner Nakamura. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Sperling.

Commissioner Lynn and Gregory accepted the nomination.

Second Call: There were no other nominations.

Third Call: There were no other nominations.

All voted in favor, and Commissioners Lynn and Gregory were elected as the new MCPD vice-chairs.

6. Commissioner's Announcements

- Commissioner Gregory announced that former MCPD Commissioner Aaron Zisser has been appointed director of the Violence (Police) Commission.
- Commissioner Smith announced that the Department of

Violence Prevention will be conducting three townhall meetings, in West Oakland, Central Oakland and East Oakland.

7. Shared Mobility Update

- Kerby Olsen, new Mobility Supervisor for the Department of Transportation, provided a recap of his October 2020 presentation to MCPD.
- He provided details on design efforts for improved accessibility for the alternative vehicle stations and clarified the requirements for alternative vehicles, which has been forwarded to potential service providers.
- Goals are to improve physical access to the adaptive bike share program and to provide e-bikes with solid accessible design features to the disability community.
- DOT is applying for a grant that would fund an E-bike lending library.
- Staff plans to expand user information regarding E-Bike, alternative vehicles, etc., and establish an accessible website with all information.
- Commissioner Gregory request that accessible/adaptable share mobility vehicles be integrated with the rest of the fleet instead of a separate program.
- Comments were taken from the public.
 - Sheela Gunn-Cushman share an upcoming Assembly Bill 371 which will require e-scooter companies to have insurance and braille.

8. Commissioner Updates to the Strategic Planning Goals, Cont.

- Yvonna Cazares from the Mayor's Office assisted the MCPD with finalizing their strategic goals for the 2021 year.
- There are 4 potential goals which were selected: Transportation, Policing/Safety, Accessibility of City Programs and Affordable/Accessible Housing. Two goals were chosen to be emphasized for the 2021 calendar year. All subjects will be monitored during the year.
- Re: Policing/Safety, it was proposed that the MCPD provide a liaison to the Department of Violence Prevention regular meetings starting with quarter 2.
- Commissioner Tevelson will be attending a public safety task force meeting on February 24, 2021.
- MCPD should investigate the accessibility of shelters/emergency housing, training and responses during

emergencies.

- A motion to extend the meeting to 7:40 p.m. was made (Commissioner Smith) and seconded (Commissioner Tevelson) and passed with all voting in favor.
- Comments were taken from the public.
 - Helen Walsh shared the following
 - City of Berkeley elevator ordinance
<https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Berkeley/html/Berkeley19/Berkeley1950/Berkeley1950040.html#19.50.040>

Article on accessible shared mobility

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90605847/these-7-new-accessible-vehicles-let-people-with-disabilities-access-micromobility>

9. Staff Updates and Announcements

- Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager, announced that a candidate has accepted the Program Analyst I position.
- The PAIII position remain vacant and the position is frozen due to the city budget constraint. He is advocating for this position to be unfrozen.

10. Future Agenda Items

- See MCPD scheduler at tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner.

11. Adjournment

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