



City of Oakland
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Meeting via Teleconference, Monday, January 25, 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; Adriana Mitchell, Administrative Assistant II

Presenters: Yvonna Cazares, Franchesha Christine

Other attendees (from webinar Attendee list): Sheela Gunn-Cushman, Christine (no last name given)

1. Teleconference Protocol, Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

Welcome extended by Chairperson Ryan at 5:32pm. At roll call, quorum was established with six of eight commissioners present (**X**); two (x) arrived later in the meeting; one (-) was absent.

| Commissioners | Present (x) |
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| Reid Davenport | X |
| Cathy Eberhardt | X |
| Thomas Gregory | <u>x</u> |
| Marjorie Lynne | X |
| Karen Nakamura | X |
| Karina Ryan (Chair) | X |
| Noah Smith (Vice Chair) | <u>x</u> |
| Frank Sperling | X |
| Howard Tevelson (Vice Chair) | X |

2. Open Forum

- No speakers.

3. Approval of December 2020 Minutes

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

4. Commissioner's Announcements

- Chair Ryan: Welcome to new commissioner Eberhardt who is excited to contribute.
- Commissioner Eberhardt: Self introduced her.

5. Approval of Strategic Planning subcommittee's recommendations

The subcommittee made a recommendation for a multi-year strategic planning effort and to document when goals are achieved.

- A motion to approve this approach was made (Nakamura), seconded (Sperling), and passed with all voting in favor.

Return to Open Forum:

- Sheela Gunn-Cushman: The Alameda County tool to sign up for CV19 vaccinations doesn't work for those using screen readers. She has reached out to her Councilmember. She is concerned that the elderly will not get access. Per Anh, Alameda County has their own ADA program office. He will contact them and cc: Ms. Cushman.
- Christine: Disabled placard was taken by the OakDOT Parking Department. She has contacted the State and City to learn about what was violated but wasn't told. An appeals system is needed.

6. Strategic Planning

The MCPD embarked on detailing its Strategic Plan annual update. Yvonna Cazares, special assistant to Mayor Libby Schaff, facilitated guided the commissioners in this process.

- Franchesca Christine, an intern in Mayor's Schaff office engaged the commissioners in an enjoyable ice-breaker session.
- Ms. Cazares had the MCPD to review past plans and listed 2020's four major goals:
 1. Transportation
 2. Safety and Security
 3. Accessibility to all City Programs
 4. Renter's rights

- **Transportation** includes bike-share, paratransit improvements, mode-of-transportation accessibility, i.e., electric scooters. Commissioners decided to consider all transportation modes together and work toward all being accessible for persons with disabilities (PWD).
 - **Safety and Security:** Commissioners will continue to provide oversight on the Oakland Police Department's, OPD, engagement with PWD.
 - **Accessibility to all City Programs**
 - Continue to advocate for total implementation of the City's ADA transition plan.
 - Advocate for the City's ADA Programs division to have enough resources and to be in different citywide org.
 - **Renter's Rights**
 - Ensure that affordability and accessibility improve within the City of Oakland. That the present programs within the City are continued and expanded.
 - Work to ensure that homelessness among PWD is eliminated.
 - The MCPD commissioners will author a letter to the City Council/Mayor regarding the importance of the ADA program. Commissioner Ryan, Commissioner Nakamura and Commissioner Sperling will assist with the letter.
 - The MCPD and Ms. Cazares discussed continuing the work on the strategic plan at the next meeting.
7. Staff Updates and Announcements, Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager
- Added links to agenda template for clarity and helpfulness. Note that there is an automated system for subscribing to the MCPD agendas.
 - February 22 is the next meeting due to holiday on February 15.
8. Future Agenda Items
- Not discussed.
9. Adjournment
- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm was made (Sperling), seconded (Tevelson), and passed with all voting in favor.