



City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, June 20, 2022 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Conference

Informational Meeting Notes

Commissioners: Howard Tevelson (Chair), Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair), Noah Smith (Vice Chair), Erin Hattersley, Ayanna Keeton, Marjorie Lynne, Leonard Moore

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

Presenters: Maya Amichai-OakDOT, Megan Weir-OakDOT, Nicole Ferrara-OakDOT, Ofurhe Igbinedion-OakDOT, Candace Walters Reese-DVP, Kentrell Killens-DVP

Other attendees (from webinar Attendee list): Helen Walsh, krystal

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by meeting chair Eberhardt. At roll call, quorum was not established with three of seven commissioners present (X).

Commissioners	Present (x)
Howard Tevelson (Chair)	Excused
Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair)	X
Noah Smith (Vice Chair)	X
Erin Hattersley	Late
Ayanna Keeton	Absent
Marjorie Lynne	X
Leonard Moore	Absent

No quorum was established, and the meeting chair convened an informational meeting.

- Staff announcements were heard, and speaker presentations were received.
- No action was taken on any item.

Open Forum

- There were no speakers for the open forum.

Commissioner's Announcements

- There were no announcements from the three commissioners present.

Safe Oakland Streets (SOS) Annual Update –

- Megan Weir presented the first annual update of SOS with the team of Maya Amichai, Ofurhe Igbinedion, and Nicole Ferrara from OakDOT. The Safe Oakland Streets (SOS) Initiative was launched in 2021 with the primary goal of preventing severe and fatal crashes and related disparities impacting Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, persons with disabilities, seniors, children, and low-income populations. This presentation provided an overview of the initiative, progress made in 2021, and focal points for work in 2022 and beyond.
- Commissioner Lynne - There was a recent fatal accident on Shattuck in an area with a string of dangerous potholes. Could there be a correlation? Megan Weir clarified that there was not a correlation in that fatality and advised MCPD that potholes can be reported, and the report will be sent to the pothole paving team.
- Have the flex street enhancements contributed to slowing down traffic in the areas that they have been implemented? Megan Weir says that there is no specific data yet.
- Vice Chair Eberhardt - What are your enforcement strategies? Megan Weir explained that there are no longer dedicated traffic enforcement officers. Those duties are covered by patrol officers and with grant funding for overtime. Automated speed enforcement has been the focus of SOS and recommendation of Reimagining Public Safety Task force but is currently not allowed under state law.
- What does it mean to move it from OPD to DOT? A recommendation of Reimagining Public Safety Task force was to move some aspects of traffic enforcement to OakDOT. Automated speed enforcement is currently not allowed under state law but it would be a good way for

OakDOT to take on these responsibilities for traffic enforcement which is currently fully under the responsibility of OPD

- Helen Walsh- Asked what kind of data is available that might identify pwds? Megan Weir clarified that current state standardized police report forms do not collect this data but there has been a request to OPD to start collecting this data in their fatality reports. Helen Walsh observed that traffic calming barriers were also often new barriers to those with visual disabilities and wonders if any cities are collecting such data. OakDOT is working also with Alameda County Dept. of Health.

Department of Violence Prevention (DVP)

- Candace Walters Reese and Kentrell Killens respond to questions from MCPD regarding DVP program strategies to address the specific and critical needs of persons with disabilities (PWD), the type of assessments provided to community members who work with contracted service providers to determine if they are at increased risk of becoming victims of violence due to their disabilities, how the DVP is addressing the issue of PWDs finding themselves victims of police violence because of their disabilities, and how they track the outcomes of their program strategies.
- Vice Chair Smith- Recommends that assessments include identification data for pwds to the greatest extent possible to see what the correlation for increased experiences with violence is for pwds.
- How does DVP interface with police violence. Kentrell explains that DVP provides a very high level of support specific to the victims and families where they can have the greatest impact. There are partner agencies that follow up with the legal aspect of maintaining community awareness and at the forefront of conversation. DVP follows the lead of the families and provides support in whatever activities they want to undertake to lift themselves up.
- Commissioner Lynne – Underserved in many black and other communities of color is the condition of chronic pain and the lack of treatment provided to them and suggests that a clinic that would serve these communities could have a significant impact on the

violence that might occur in relation to self medicating and constant pain.

- Helen Walsh observed that there is a data set showing that pwds are more than twice as likely to be impacted by domestic violence or some sort of criminal act against them. She suggests that more data might be available from the World Institute on Disability, the Office for Victims of Crime, and local non-profits and independent resource centers.

Staff Updates and Announcements

- The City of Oakland Midcycle Budget has two ADA related items:
ADA Programs Division move to CAO
Add an ADA Architectural Access Coordinator
- The General Plan Update currently has multiple opportunities for community input.
- New MCPD Commissioner appointment is on the 6/21 council agenda

Future Agenda Items

- [Housing Design Standards for Accessibility](#) a presentation from The Kelsey in July.
- See MCPD scheduler at tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner.
Suggestions for future agenda items are also welcome at adaprograms@oaklandca.gov.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm by meeting chair Eberhardt