

City of Oakland
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, March 18, 2019

Minutes

- I. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
9 Commissioners present: Garner, Gregory, Lynne, Meu, Nakamura, Ryan, Smith, Sperling, Tevelson
- III. Public Comments
 - None
- IV. Agenda Modification and Approval
 - Motion to approve agenda without modification: Gregory
Seconded by Smith
Aye - 9: Garner, Gregory, Lynne, Meu, Nakamura, Ryan, Smith, Sperling, Tevelson
- V. Approval of March 18, 2019 Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes without modification: Sperling
Seconded by Tevelson
Aye - 9: Garner, Gregory, Lynne, Meu, Nakamura, Ryan, Smith, Sperling, Tevelson
- VI. Chair Report; *Karen Nakamura, Chair*
 - Chair Nakamura and Vice Chair Sperling worked on the Strategic Plan to be discussed during agenda item 11.
- VII. Commissioner's Announcements

- Commissioner Gregory stated that he will attend March 19 City Council Finance and Management Committee to advocate for home modification grants for renters.
- Commissioner Meu attended Prescott Neighborhood Council meeting regarding the Paving Update by Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT).
 - Neighbors were concerned about condition of pavement at railroad tracks. City of Oakland can only pave up to the tracks; the railroad must pave at the tracks.
 - Neighbors also expressed concerned about accessibility of the neighborhood because CalTrans is proposing to upgrade I-80, I-580, and I-880 interchange, which would increase traffic through the neighborhood for several years.

VIII. Overview of Methods for Addressing Access and Functional Needs during Emergencies and Natural Disasters; *Toshia Shavies Marshall, Emergency Services Manager, Emergency Management Services Division, Oakland Fire Department*

- Ms. Marshall has worked in emergency management for 15 years and has been at City of Oakland for 10 months. The Emergency Management Services Division (EMSD) is budgeted for 8.5 FTEs but is currently only half staffed.
- Vision: Build a sustainable program rooted in excellence, preparing for the worst, and empowering all to be the best.
- Mission: Provide public information and warnings and coordinate mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery efforts amongst City departments, community partners, and all levels of government towards the effective management of long range consequences and

resource needs that occur as a result of threat, hazard or event to maintain continuity and provide services.

- EMSD is working diligently to comply with Assembly Bill 2311 (Access and Function Needs in Emergencies). This effort is 90 percent funded by grants. The largest grant is from Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), which has helped pay for a consultant to improve emergency plans in regards to Access and Functional Needs (AFN).
 - This includes evaluation of shelters for AFN at Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), Oakland Parks and Recreation (OPR), and Oakland Public Libraries (OPL). Shelter locations are made public only at time of event based on availability of specific sites.
 - AFN supplies have also been identified. The current cache is being stored at Frank Ogawa Plaza and will be moved to EMSD at 1605 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, where it will be easier to inventory and move to shelter locations. EMSD has a \$25,000 grant to replenish AFN supplies.
 - March 23-24, EMSD will attend shelter operations and management training conducted by the Red Cross. March 28, EMSD will attend a workshop regarding active shooter and AFN.
 - EMSD has partner agencies inside and outside City of Oakland, such as Red Cross and Functional Assessment Service Teams (FAST), to assist and evaluate AFN for a range of disabilities and needs.
 - For April 13 Alameda County Emergency Preparedness Day, EMSD does not have available staff to send but will send volunteers from its

Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) program.

- In regards to the possibility of distributing N95 masks, City of Oakland Risk Management makes the decision, especially as they are respirators and require training. Chair Nakamura suggested CORE groups help distribute masks and fittings for people with different disabilities.
- Alameda County Sheriff's Office will no longer facilitate Urban Shield. Only Yellow Command (emergency management) will continue every September.

IX. Downtown Oakland Specific Plan Update, *Joanna Winter, Planner, Planning and Building Department*

- Ms. Winter first presented to MCPD in August 2018 regarding accessibility survey results for the Downtown Oakland Specific Plan (DOSP).
- Her current update is on the preliminary draft plan recommendations, for which she is gathering feedback from community groups, boards and commissions, and other stakeholder groups. The latest update includes proposed accessibility policies for the following:
 - Racial equity framework and effort to use similar framework for persons with disabilities
 - Economic opportunity
 - Housing and affordability
 - Mobility and accessibility
 - Culture keeping
 - Community health
 - Land use and urban form

- It will move forward as an actual draft plan by August 2019. The goal is for final adoption of the DOSP by City Council in 2020. More information can be found online: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/downtown-oakland-specific-plan>
- Commissioner comments included the following:
 - Mobility versus accessibility, e.g. floating parking
 - Charging stations for wheelchairs
 - Tactile paver standards to accommodate both blind and wheelchairs
 - BART accessibility, especially elevator maintenance
 - Bus stops announcing incoming buses
 - Street crossing time
 - Home modification grants for renters
 - Emergency planning
 - Continued code enforcement after initial building inspections

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

- None

XI. Strategic Planning Retreat Follow-up; *Karen Nakamura*

- Commissioners provided updates to each objective they are monitoring.
- Motion to approve strategic plan for 2019: Gregory
Seconded by Sperling
Aye - 10: Garner, Gregory, Lynne, Meshack, Meu, Nakamura, Ryan, Smith, Sperling, Tevelson

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 7:26 p.m.