



**City of Oakland**  
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
Monday, March 15, 2021

**MINUTES**

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

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

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

**Presenters:** Michael Randolph, Kerby Olsen, Walter Rosenkranz  
Alex Keating, Alex April

**Other attendees (from webinar Attendee list):** Sheela Gunn Cushman, Karen Denicore, Helen Walsh

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1. Teleconference Protocol, Roll Call/Determination of Quorum  
Meeting called to order by Noah Smith<sup>3</sup> at 5:31pm. At roll call, quorum was established with seven of nine commissioners present (X); one (x) arrived later in the meeting; one was excused.

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

2. Open Forum
  - Sheila Gunn-Cushman, received her first CoVid vaccine shot. Made note that persons with disabilities are now eligible for shots.
  - Speaker name / topic.
3. Agenda Modification
  - A motion to accept the agenda as written was made by Commissioner Sperling, seconded by Commissioner Tevelson, and passed with all voting in favor.
4. Approval of February 2021 Minutes
  - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Nakamura, and passed with all voting in favor.
5. Commissioner's Announcements
  - Commissioner Tevelson announced that the MACRO program is up for a final vote in the City Council and will be under the auspices of the Oakland Fire Dept.
  - Commissioner Tevelson reached out to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force (RPSTF) to include learning objective 37 with CIT and learned that it had been pulled from the agenda. Was advised that once it is finalized there is a chance to have both issues put back in.
  - Commissioner Tevelson has advised the Department of Violence Prevention that he is their liaison from the Commission. The next Department of Violence Prevention town hall is Thursday, March 18, 2021.
  - Commissioner Nakamura will be coordinating with Yvonna Cazares from the Mayor's office on a future date for the MCPD to Co-Host a Community Safety Town Hall with the Oakland Fire Department and Oakland Emergency Services.
  - Commission Chair Smith, with assistance from previous Chairs, wrote and forwarded a letter to state officials regarding "vaccine rollouts" that impact people with disabilities. He also reported that the date for people with disabilities to receive vaccinations had been moved up to March 15. After noting accessibility issues with that the state's vaccine website, he received a response from the Department of Public Health, Director Gaily, who indicated that he

will look further into the raised concerns and communicate them with the Governor. Commission Chair Smith has scheduled meetings with a City of Berkeley staff member currently working on their elevator ordinance and a lawyer who worked on the original ordinance to learn about the process they went through in developing the ordinance.

## 6. Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan

Michael Randolph from the Department of Transportation introduced the Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan, a roadmap for a clean and equitable transportation system in Oakland, currently under development by the DOT and the Sustainable Oakland Program. See agenda Exhibit B for an overview of the presentation.

Highlights of discussion:

- Consider charging of wheelchairs (and scooters/other micro-mobility devices) in multi-unit buildings.
- Consider charging facilities at Oakland Public Libraries.
- Consider creating City incentives for the installation of facilities.
- Consider designs to make it easy as possible for people with disabilities to use; test designs in advance.
- Consider facilitating the ability of renters to install facilities—would require a City Ordinance.
- The public can suggest locations via an interactive/online map at <https://oakgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6d376e194e424a1e90a0edeba8873b2e>.
- People with visual impairments will have difficulty giving input using the map.
- The City's plan will be coordinated with the plans of other agencies, including BART and AC Transit.
- The minimum number of spaces that must be accessible are determined by the Division of State Architect and are in the California Building Code.
- Electric cars, scooters, bikes, etc. should be equipped to make noises such that they can be heard by the visually impaired.
- Michael would like to return to the MCPD at a later phase in the project.

Project website: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/zero-emission-vehicle-action-plan>.

Speakers other than commissioners: Helen Walsh, Sheela Gunn-Cushman.

7. Adaptive E-scooters

Kerby Olsen, New Mobility Supervisor at Oak DOT, provided a brief update on the adaptive scooter program. Each of Oakland's three shared Electric scooter providers presented their plans for adaptive vehicles in Oakland. See agenda Exhibit C for an overview of the presentations from Spin (Alex April and Julia Wunsch), Link (Walter Rosenkranz), and Veo (Alex Keating). Each provider described their services and vehicles.

Highlights of discussion:

**SPIN**

- Spin's delivery service is free. They are looking at how to support one-way trips including designs that can allow users to bring wheelchairs. The seated three-wheel device helps with stability. Other design elements include audible elements.
- Designs should allow for hauling crutches and should be ambidextrous. Steering dampers would help a wide range of users operate scooters.
- Braille is included on devices allowing people to report misplaced vehicles.
- Can service dogs be accommodated?

A motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes was made by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Ryan, and passed with all voting in favor.

**LINK**

- New operator, powered by Superpedestrian, founded in 2013 at MIT.
- Launching a wheelchair assist pilot project, a partnership with the Center for Independent Living, in March in Berkeley. Project equips a user's chair by installing permanent hardware.
- Consider supporting one-way trips and how vehicles will be parked.

A motion to extend the meeting until 7:50pm was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, and passed with all voting in favor.

## VEO

- New to Bay Area, but around since 2017, operating throughout the U.S.
- Deploying an adaptive device, one for every 50 stand-up scooters. Home delivery will be included.
- Looking to coordinate with BART, bike shops, other entities that could assist with user outreach/onboarding.

Speakers other than commissioners: Sheela Gunn-Cushman.

### 8. Staff Updates and Announcements

- See attachment re: opportunities for community input: Grand Ave Mobility Plan; local hazard mitigation update; Department of Violence Prevention Town Hall meeting; Mayor's Budget Summit, March 20.

### 9. Future Agenda Items

- See MCPD scheduler at [tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner](http://tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner).
- Email [adaprograms@oaklandca.gov](mailto:adaprograms@oaklandca.gov) with agenda requests or to join subcommittees.

### 10. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm was made by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Sperling, and passed with all voting in favor.