City of Oakland
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Meeting via Teleconference, Monday, September 21, 2020

ADOPTED MINUTES

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

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

Other attendees: Maryann Leshin (presenter), Anne Janks (presenter),
Dave Harris (presenter), Helen Walsh, Audrey (no last name given)

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1. Teleconference Protocol and Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

   - Quorum was established with all but Commissioner Ryan present. Ms
     Ryan arrived shortly after the start of the meeting.

2. Opportunity for reflection and comment on the passing of Chair Lester
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   - Commissioners expressed their deepest condolences upon the
     passing of the late MCPD Chair Lester Meu.

3. Open Forum

   - No speakers.

4. Agenda Modification

   - None
   - Motion to accept by Commissioner Sperling, seconded by
     Commissioner Gregory, approved with all voting in favor.

5. Approval of January 2020 Minutes

   - Motion to approve by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by
     Commissioner Tevelson, approved with all voting in favor.

6. Nominations and voting for new Chair of MCPD

   - There were three rounds in the call for chair nominations:
     1. Commissioner Gregory nominated Commissioner Tevelson and Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Smith declined and Commissioner Tevelson accepted.
     2. Commissioner Lynne nominated and declined. Commissioner Ryan nominated, and accepted.
     3. No nominations.
   - Commissioners discussed the duties and term for the interim chairperson, during which Commissioner Tevelson declined his nomination and declared support for Commissioner Ryan.
   - Commissioners voted, unanimously for Commissioner Ryan.
   - Commissioner Ryan was elected and assumed chairperson position.
   - Co Vice-Chairs Smith and Tevelson will retain their positions.

7. Commissioner's Announcements

   - Commissioner Gregory announced that he is no longer an employee of the Center for Independent Living, CIL.

8. How the City and State are Responding to Pandemic-Related Housing Challenges

   - Maryann Leshin, Deputy Director of Oakland's Housing and Community Development Department, discussed the various programs and actions being taken by HCD. She outlined the Department's three-pronged approach, "Produce, Preserve and Protect." Produce means development; preserve means creating immediate solutions; and Protect means eviction moratoriums, emergency loans, and other efforts. The Deputy Director responded to the many questions and recommendations from the Commissioners.

   - Deputy Director Leshin conveyed that the city works with external partners (CBOs) to develop and manage affordable housing. She shared that the city does 10% mobility and 5% communication accessibility units.

   - See attached handouts from Housing Department.

- MCPD Commissioners recommended the following:
  - o Use Universal Design guideline when building new accessible housing.
  - o Increasing the number of mobility units above what is Oakland is currently doing; closer to 100 percent to meet the spirit & intent of the ADA and to factor in seniors population who might need accessible housing as they age.

9. Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland ("MACRO") Project Testing

- Anne Janks from the Coalition for Police Accountability and David Harris from the Urban Strategies Council gave an update on Oakland's "MACRO" Program, a pilot effort to dispatch counselors or EMTs, not policer officers, to respond to non-violent emergencies. Mr. Harris, Vice President of Urban Strategies Council, described the approach of the proposed new program. Ms. Janks talked about the training of the staff that will be involved in the program. The Commissioners highlighted the special needs of the disability community.

At 7:30, a motion made to extend the meeting by 20 minutes, was seconded and approved with all voting in favor.

10. Staff Updates and Announcements

- Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager, introduced Jennifer Stanley, on loan from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program to assist with meeting administration until Hoang Banh's position can be filled. Commissioners voiced concerns about the ongoing staffing challenges.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Commissioner Gregory expressed concern that the ADA Programs Division is in the Department of Transportation and requested that a discussion be agendized.

- Other future items will be discussed in coordination meetings with the Chair and Co Vice-Chairs.

12.   Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm was made by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Davenport, and approved with all voting in favor.

Attachments
- Handouts from Housing Department

Minutes recorded by Adriana Mitchell, DOT Administrative Assistant, and attached to the October 19, 2020 meeting agenda, and adopted at that meeting.

Pandemic-Related Housing Challenges

Housing and Community Development Department Strategic Framework:
- Production
- Preservation
- Protection

1. **Production:**
   a. **Development of new housing opportunities**
      i. In 2020, funded seven new affordable housing developments
         1. TOTAL = 614 Units
         2. 184 (30%) for people experiencing homelessness
         3. 127 (21%) for people with disabilities and/or special needs

2. **Preservation:**
   a. **Preserving existing affordable housing**
      i. Funded preservation of three properties to ensure long term affordability
         1. TOTAL = 236 Units
         2. 107 (45%) people with disabilities and/or special needs
      ii. Funded ten acquisitions of existing affordable housing to retain them as affordable for the residents living there
         1. TOTAL = 193 Units
         2. Six of the ten properties were purchased by community land trusts and may transition to resident ownership

   b. **Creating immediate housing solutions**
      i. Submitted four funding applications to the **State Project Homekey** program; these are all acquisitions of properties that will be immediately occupied by people who have been homeless
      ii. TOTAL = 266 Units
      iii. Accessibility is double what is required by State law – 10% of the units will be mobility accessible and 4% will have vision/hearing accessibility

3. **Protections:**
   a. **Eviction Moratorium**: adopted March 27, 2020. In effect until the City Council lifts the local declaration of emergency due to COVID-19.

      https://www.oaklandca.gov/documents/emergency-moratorium-on-rent-increases-and-evictions-faq

   b. **Keep Oakland Housed COVID-19 Relief Financial Assistance Programs**: $5m in State CARES Act funding for renters and homeowners impacted by COVID-19.

      https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/keep-oakland-housed-covid-19-relief-financial-assistance

Having trouble paying your rent or your mortgage?
Have you lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Oakland residents may be eligible for financial assistance to pay rent and other housing costs

Keep Oakland Housed - COVID-19 Relief Financial Assistance

Application Process: Apply through the following non-profit agencies:

Renters
- Bay Area Community Services (BACS) | www.bayareacs.org | (510) 899-9289 (call)
  Visit to apply: housing.bayareacs.org
- Catholic Charities East Bay | www.cceb.org | (510) 768-3100
- Centro Legal de la Raza | www.centrolegal.org | (510) 422-5669

Homeowners
- Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA) | www.heraca.org | (510) 271-8443 x300

All applicants must provide:
- Valid government issued identification
- Proof of Oakland residency, such as utility bill
- Proof of income documentation, such as pay stubs
- Current residential lease agreement or other evidence of tenancy such as rent receipts or other proof of paying rent/ownership documents
- Documentation of COVID-19 related loss of income or increased expenses, or an affidavit

Eligibility: Applicants must be:
- A current Oakland resident
- At risk of losing your home
- A low-income individual or household

For more information contact:
City of Oakland Housing and Community Development
Housing Resource Center (510) 238-6182