



## City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)

Monday, September 20, 2021. 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

### Minutes

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

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

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

**Presenters:** Sarah Yoell, John Walsh, Jennifer

**Other attendees (from webinar Attendee list):** Sarah Noelle Rosario, Ofurhe Igbiniedion, Rene Duenes, Helen Walsh, Sheela Gunn-Cushman, Ayanna Keeton, Leonard Moore

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Smith at 5:36 PM. At roll call, quorum was not established with five of seven commissioners present (x).

Commissioners	Present (x)
Noah Smith (Chair)	x
Thomas Gregory (Vice-Chair)	x
Cathy Eberhardt	x
Marjorie Lynne	absent
Karen Nakamura	x
Frank Sperling	excused
Howard Tevelson	x

## 2. Open Forum

Farmer Joe's store in Oakland offers electric carts for customers with mobility issues but they are difficult to get and the aisles in the stores are not all wide enough to accommodate them.

## 3. Agenda to move forward as informational only due to a lack of quorum.

## 4. August 2021 Minutes did not have any corrections and will be held for final approval when quorum is established at the next meeting.

## 5. Commissioner's Announcements and Strategic Plan Updates

### Goal Area 1 Policing and Safety

- 1.1 Commissioner Tevelson has been trying to make contact with the Department of Violence Prevention but has not received any response and has composed and sent another outreach email today. He has not received any contact from the Police Commission since his letter was acknowledged. He will attempt to participate in the September 23rd informational meeting about the Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO) pilot set to launch in East Oakland.

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### Goal Area 3 Housing Ensure ADA -compliant housing stock

- 3.1 Commission Vice Chair Gregory has been in contact with Housing and Community Development (HCD) and will be meeting with them about the status of funding from Measure KK and Measure W allocated to accessible home modifications for renters.
- 3.2 Commissioner Eberhardt has scheduled two affordable housing developers to speak to MCPD at the October meeting as a planned action under this goal area.

## 6. PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Program

Sarah Yoell, Government Relations, Local Public Affairs and John Walsh, Public Safety Specialist made a presentation to MCPD on the PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Program with a focus on Oakland and Alameda County.

- Multiple responses to the presentation centered around the lack of awareness and access to specific information about the multiple community resources described in the presentation.
  - Commenters were not aware of the resources described
  - Specific searches for resources did not bring them up
  - Partner agencies lag in informational updates and current data
  - Website pop ups on devices prevent access to searchers
  - Suggestions were made to increase outreach, use more mail
- There was also interest in comments about the battery program, how to access it, what levels of backup can these options sustain, and concern about refrigeration of medication for other than low income residents who are not eligible for the program.
- There was no information provided regarding sustainability programs an long term options because it was not the focus of the presentation although PG&E is working in that area and can provide contacts for their sustainability team for information in that area.

## 7. Staff Updates and Announcements

The City of Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) community-powered street mural program, [Paint the Town](https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/paint-the-town), is back!  
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/paint-the-town>

After two rounds of online virtual workshops, surveys, and in-person engagement around the [Grand Avenue Mobility Plan](https://oaklandca.gov/projects/grand-avenue-mobility-plan), the City has prepared and revised design scenarios for public review.  
<https://oaklandca.gov/projects/grand-avenue-mobility-plan>

The City of Oakland is working on redesigning our service pages on Oaklandca.gov, with the goals of improving accessibility and the overall user experience.

The Governor signed [Assembly Bill 361](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB361) from Assembly Member Robert Rivas. This bill gives local agencies the authority to host virtual meetings until January 1, 2024, and for state agencies until January 31, 2022.  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220AB361](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB361)

## 8. Future Agenda Items

There are housing related presentations planned for the October meeting.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.