



City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, January 22, 2024 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Hearing Room 2, First Floor
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (City Hall), Oakland, CA 94612

Minutes

Commissioners: Anwar Baroudi (Chair), Benjamin Bartu (Vice Chair), Noah Smith, Marjorie Lynne, Fatimah Aure, Barry Robinson, Linda St. Julian

Commission staff: Anh Nguyen-ADA Programs Division Manager, Mark Romoser-ADA Programs Division Program Analyst I

Presenters: Lenore Gunst, Mayor's Commission on Aging

Other attendees: Rachel Osajima, Linda Stevens, Thomas Cloyd

Attendees on Zoom: Emilie Tham, Judith, Sheela Gunn

Mark Romoser begins the meeting with a reminder of rules for in-person meetings:

- No food or open drink allowed in Hearing Room 2 to maintain a clean and professional environment.
- Drinks must be in a closed container to prevent any spills or accidents.
- When commissioners speak- please press the top-red button that says "mic" and when you are finished, please press the button again.
- To ensure clarity and transparency, when commissioners speak, please state your name before speaking.
- When a member of the audience is speaking or commenting- please first state your name and any affiliations you may have.
- Restrooms are located outside Hearing Room 2, near the elevators.

Roll Call

- At roll call, quorum was not established with four of seven commissioners present (X).

Commissioners	Present (x)
Anwar Baroudi (Chair)	X
Benjamin Bartu (Vice Chair)	X
Noah Smith	Absent (excused)
Marjorie Lynne	X
Linda St. Julian	Absent
Fatimah Aure	Absent (excused)
Barry Robinson	X

Open Forum: Rachel Osajima spoke about a Caltrans project, a bike and pedestrian overpass in the Montclair area over Hwy. 13 and Moraga Ave. Caltrans was to rebuild it as a pedestrian/bike crossing, but now intends to demolish it. When Hwy. 13 was built in 1956, an overpass was built, but with steep stairs that are not accessible. It is a safe route to Montclair Elementary School. Rachel requests that MCPD assist her and neighbors in getting the overpass built. The city would need to sign off on roadway improvements. Caltrans has a long history of poor community engagement. We should communicate to the mayor's office that the overpass is needed. We should add Caltrans to the list of stakeholders for Goal 3. There are also environmental impacts. She has letters from the principal of Montclair Elementary School, Councilmember Ramachandran, and others.

Approval Of Minutes

- Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

Commissioner's Announcements

- Chair Baroudi has been working on DOT's Upper Telegraph project and asks that we fill out DOT's survey.

Communications Platform Pilot

- Lenore Gunst from the Mayor's Commission on Aging gave her presentation.

- Chair Baroudi asked what form the platform will take. Ms. Gunst replies that it is phone (211) and email, not a website.
- Comm. Lynne asks about an online portal to register. Ms. Gunst replied that that's being decided. Comm. Lynne asked if there's a feature to connect to various city departments and how they intend to publicize the platform (social media). Also, push notifications for road closures, parking restrictions, etc. She asks if this is being built from scratch or are copying other cities. Ms. Gunst replied that 211 will be doing that, and that it's a national model. Comm. Lynne mentioned air purifiers during fire season as an example of something for which notifications would be helpful.
- Comm. Robinson suggested direct mail for outreach. He asked about paratransit and Lyft rides. He mentioned Little House in Menlo Park, which offers rides for a \$7 fee, but that in Oakland, paratransit is user-unfriendly. Ms. Gunst replied that some MCOA meetings will be offsite, so transportation options will be needed. Comm. Lynne returned to the idea of contacting city departments. She suggests an app. Comm. Robinson mentioned that Oakland rides must be scheduled a week in advance.
- Chair Baroudi asked about the security of the data. Ms. Gunst replied that all data will be handled by Eden I&R and that HIPAA prevents partners from disclosing sensitive data.

Strategic Planning

- Anh Nguyen gave the presentation.
- Vice Chair Bartu asked about signing up. Mr. Nguyen replied that this was a good time. Vice Chair Bartu volunteered for Goal 1.
- Member of the public Thomas Cloyd mentioned that two apartment buildings he's lived in have no plan for evacuating PWDs, and that such a plan needs to be communicated to residents. Comm. Lynne asked if there was a registry with the local fire station.
- Mr. Cloyd volunteered for Goal 3.

- Ms. Osajima proposed to add Caltrans to the list of stakeholders, and wants us to look for other proposals for overpasses. There was a maintenance project on the nearby LaSalle St. overpass, and the sidewalks are narrow and difficult to navigate. There is an opportunity for Caltrans to add access to maintenance projects. Caltrans is proposing street improvements in place of the overpass. This is not a comprehensive project. Chair Baroudi wants us to develop a working relationship with Caltrans. Projects on Caltrans streets like International can get complicated. Comm. Robinson mentioned that sidewalks on streets in San Antonio like Foothill are even narrower, such as an alley between International and E. 15th.
- Comm. Lynne noted that commissioners can choose more than one goal area. Vice Chair Bartu volunteered for Goal 4. Chair Baroudi asked for an update on *Smith v. Oakland*.
- Vice Chair Bartu and Chair Baroudi volunteered for Goal 5.
- Ms. Osajima mentioned that Oakland Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development is not mentioned as a stakeholder; the overpass leads to Montclair Park. The other side of the park has an old stairway. She asked if there is a regular report to the City Administrator's Office. She mentioned the use of acronyms and recommends spelling it out.
- Comm. Robinson mentioned that Public Works is not listed as a stakeholder in Goal 2.
- Mr. Nguyen mentioned that we couldn't adopt the plan due to lack of quorum.
- Chair Baroudi asked about agendaizing Ms. Osajima's Caltrans concerns.

Staff Updates and Announcements

- Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Romoser read the staff announcements.

Chair Baroudi called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01.