



## City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
Monday, March 21st, 2022 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Conference

### Minutes

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

**Commissioners:** Howard Tevelson (Chair), Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair), Noah Smith (Vice Chair), Erin Hattersley, Ayanna Keeton, Marjorie Lynne, Leonard Moore, Karen Nakamura

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

**Presenters:** Justina Victoriano from CRIL (Community Resources for independent Living)

**Other attendees** (from webinar Attendee list): Emma Martin (TheCIL) Ofurhe Igbinedion, Chonita Chew (USOAC), Sheela Gunn-Cushman, Helen Walsh, Arlene Hipp, Meijia Zhang, Maya Amichai, Zenobia Ravji, Gurpreet Kaur, Thomas Gregory

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Meeting called to order by Chair Tevelson at 5:35 PM. At roll call, quorum was established with six of eight commissioners present (x).

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Present (x)</b>
Howard Tevelson (Chair)	X
Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair)	X
Noah Smith (Vice Chair)	X
Erin Hattersley	absent
Ayanna Keeton	X
Marjorie Lynne	X
Leonard Moore	X
Karen Nakamura	X

There were no speakers for Open Forum.

The agenda was accepted without modification and unanimous voice approval.

February 2022 Minutes were adopted with a motion from Commissioner Smith, seconds from Commissioners Moore and Lynne and unanimous approval.

The 2021 Virtual Meeting Resolution was re-adopted with a motion from Commissioner Lynne and seconds from Commissioners Eberhardt and Smith with seven votes from the seven commissioners present.

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Howard Tevelson (Chair)	X		
Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair)	X		
Noah Smith (Vice Chair)	X		
Erin Hattersley	N/A		
Ayanna Keeton	X		
Marjorie Lynne	X		
Leonard Moore	X		
Karen Nakamura	X		

There were no commissioners with updates or information to present during Commissioner’s Announcements.

The current version of the [MCPD Commissioner Handbook](#) was presented to the commission with an overview of the contents and highlights.

**Action steps: check on screen reader accessibility by using available checkers but also having multiple users of different types of screen readers check documents personally.**

- Chair Tevelson reminds Commissioners that there is also the responsibility of filing yearly 700 forms by the deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sheela Gunn Cushman asked about the process for creating the handbook and if it was fully accessible.

- Helen Walsh commented about issues reading the handbook using her Voice Over Mac-IOS screen reader with links identified but not engaging. May not be bad links but screen reader incompatibility and document should be screened for full accessibility
- Commissioner Moore experiences similar issues with pdf documents on his pc that is not a Mac and finds that he has better success with his screen reader turning pdf documents into Word documents for reading.

Former Commissioner Thomas Gregory was presented with a Proclamation from Mayor Libby Schaaf for his service to MCPD and the City of Oakland.

Justina Victoriano of Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) expanded upon the DDAR (Disability Disaster Access and Resources) program that provides services to Oakland and Alameda County residents during disasters. She described the services available directly through CRIL for both PSPS (public safety power shut offs) and non-PSPS events and the application process to access them

- Commissioner Eberhardt asked about the availability of services for persons with mental health disabilities. All residents who would have need of a battery are eligible for that service as well as other disaster preparedness services.
- If residents do not directly pay PG&E, they should still apply for all services (Medical Baseline) because someone is paying PG&E and they are eligible to apply it to their bill if you are eligible.
- What about eligibility criteria only available to those living in High Fire Threat District or have experienced a PSPS? In the event of non PSPS fire emergencies (like an earthquake) they can deploy batteries and services to all in need as they are able.
- Justina encourages residents to go ahead and apply and see if they are eligible rather than assume they cannot be assisted.

The 2022 Strategic Plan for MCPD was reviewed and assignments were updated for 2022.

## **POLICING /SAFETY (Goal Area 1)**

### **Commissioners Tevelson, Nakamura, Hattersley**

1.1 *Because this is a deeply intersectional issue- race/poverty/disability/environment, and persons with disabilities (PWDs) inordinately find themselves victims of escalated police violence because of their disabilities, MCPD will continue to provide input and monitor OPD policies and procedures concerning PWD to include Domain 37 training and CIT.*

### **Commissioners Lynne and Keeton**

1.2 MCPD will advocate for improved safety services for the disability community and the community in general in the face of emergencies and natural disasters. Increasingly poor air quality and the need for clean air refuges is a specific concern and a permanent issue going forward. Accessible shelters and transportation to them are critical to community safety. *In home air quality is also a critical issue for MCPD.*

## **ACCESSIBILITY OF CITY PROGRAMS/ SERVICES/ ACTIVITIES (Goal Area 2)**

### **Commissioners Tevelson and Moore, Commissioner Smith can consult**

2.1 MCPD will provide input to the City regarding Oakland's ongoing development and implementation of its ADA Transition Plan.

The commission will continue to recommend to the City Council, City staff, and the Mayor's Office the need to maintain and enhance the effectiveness of the ADA division by restoring and adding funding for services and programs.

It is also critical that the ADA Programs Division have a more autonomous position within the City department hierarchy to better monitor the ADA Transition Plan progress and assist City Departments with recommendations to meet their individual compliance requirements.

**HOUSING (Goal Area 3): Ensure ADA-compliant housing stock**  
(2021 3.3 combined with 3.1)

**Commissioners Nakamura, Hattersley, and Smith**

3.1 Advocate to ensure the accessibility and affordability of housing in Oakland and

Renter’s Rights: Ensure Oakland renters with disabilities have access to the same financial and/or civic benefits afforded to Oakland homeowners with disabilities.

**Commissioner Eberhardt**

3.2 Whereas the MCPD recognizes a high prevalence of homeless individuals living in Oakland are also PWDs, often disconnected from services, and whereas the MCPD recognizes a responsibility to represent the voices of all PWDs living in the city, the MCPD will collaborate with official activities and initiatives addressing homelessness in the city, with the objective to improve conditions for and/or reduce the number of PWDs who are homeless in Oakland.

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>GOALS</b>
Howard Tevelson (Chair)	1.1, 2.1
Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair)	3.2
Noah Smith (Vice Chair)	3.1, 3.2, (2.1)
Erin Hattersley	1.1, 3.1
Ayanna Keeton	1.2
Marjorie Lynne	1.2
Leonard Moore	2.1
Karen Nakamura	1.1, 3.1

## Staff Updates and Announcements

- ADA Programs open position recruitment closing date extended to 4/1/2022 to collect additional applications.
- New Legislation - AB 917: Video Imaging of Parking Violations in bus lanes expands to transit stops
- Alameda County housing portal currently has an open waitlist and provides the opportunity to create a master application that can also be used to populate future applications

See MCPD scheduler at [tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner](https://tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner). For Future Agenda Items

Suggestions for future agenda items are welcome at [adaprograms@oaklandca.gov](mailto:adaprograms@oaklandca.gov).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM