



## City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
Monday, May 16, 2022 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Conference

### Informational Meeting Notes

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

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

**Presenters:** Aaron Zisser – Oakland Community Police Review Agency, Maya Amichai-OakDOT, Nicole Ferrara-OakDOT

**Other attendees** (from webinar Attendee list): Emma Martin (TheCIL) Ofurhe Igbinedion, Bianca Posada, Sheela Gunn-Cushman, Kyle O'Malley,

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Meeting called to order by Chair Tevelson at 5:35 pm. At roll call, quorum was not established with four of seven commissioners present (X).

Commissioners	Present (x)
Howard Tevelson (Chair)	X
Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair)	X
Noah Smith (Vice Chair)	X
Erin Hattersley	X
Ayanna Keeton	Absent
Marjorie Lynne	Excused
Leonard Moore	Absent

No quorum was established and the Commission Chair convened an informational meeting.

- Commissioner and staff reports were heard and speaker presentations were received.
- No action was taken on any item.

## Open Forum

Sheela Gunn-Cushman:

- Attended CA Council of the Blind annual convention, they passed a housing resolution she wrote specifically on the issues regarding housing funding and visual impairments and they also passed an ADA resolution about training ADA and supporting complaint filing for ADA violations.
- Requests referrals to candidate forums.
- PG&E has an upcoming Wildfire Safety forum specifically for persons with visual impairments.

## Commissioner's Announcements

- Vice Chair Eberhardt is a member of the General Plan Update Equity Working Group (EWG) and will be advocating on behalf of persons with disabilities.
- Chair Tevelson reports that the MCPD Annual Report was referred by the Life Enrichment Committee to go directly to City Council and is on the consent calendar item 2.24 for the May 17, 2022 meeting of the City Council. Any member of the public can speak about MCPD at the opening of the meeting that starts at 1 pm.
- Chair Tevelson has reached out to mayoral candidates Sheng Thao and Loren Taylor about their position on and support for ADA Programs Division.
- Chair Tevelson has also reached out to the chief of police and hopes for a response this time.
- Commissioner Nakamura resigned from MCPD before the meeting last month.

## [Oakland Community Police Review Agency \(CPRA\)](#)

Aaron Zisser, Interim Executive Director, shared the work of CPRA, described how complaints regarding concerns about police conduct can be filed, and answered questions about investigations and outcomes.

- Vice Chair Eberhardt commented that her experiences in Oakland lead her to encounter persons with mental health issues every day that need help and the opportunity to thrive despite their circumstances.
- Vice Chair Smith asked for additional clarification on a 5150 involuntary hold. It requires that the person be a danger to themselves or others.
- Sheela Gunn Cushman is concerned about persons with disabilities and interactions with police. Specifically, those with service dogs, developmentally disabled, non-verbal (including deaf and hard of hearing), and those on the autism spectrum are especially vulnerable.

#### Flex Streets Parklet Program Guidelines

Nicole Ferrara reviewed current City of Oakland plans for the Flex Streets program uses of parklets, which are business use of parking spaces. The City of Oakland adopted a permanent Flex Streets program in March 2022 following the Covid-19 Pandemic Flex Streets Program launch in April 2020. With the permanent program, a new set of guidelines have been established for Parklet applicants and permittees to meet by July 1, 2023.

- Chair Tevelson appreciates the details and the concerns for accessibility and requests that ADA Programs is advised of complaints and outcomes about accessibility in relation to Flex streets.
- Vice Chair Smith wants to know about oversight and how participants will be monitored for ongoing compliance. Yearly fees and inspections are part of the planning for ongoing management.
- Sheela Gunn Cushman does not know the difference between parklets and sidewalk cafes and finds that street furniture is frustrating for visually impaired. Is interested in some kind of tour where feedback can be given. Sidewalk space requires a different permit than parklets and does require ADA complaint pathways.

### [AB2336 - speed safety systems legislation](#)

Maya Amichai with a summary and review of Speed Safety systems and how they work and would be implemented in the City of Oakland.

Assembly Bill 2336 is a proposed state law that would allow Oakland to administer speed safety systems as a pilot program under the Safe Oakland Streets (SOS) Citywide Initiative.

- Commissioner Hattersley asked about plans to collect data around how pwds are impacted by speeding. This issue will be covered with the latest plans in the annual SOS update.
- Vice Chair Eberhardt asked to clarify that speeding fines are lowered under AB 2336. Yes, they will be lowered under the speed safety system tickets but not by the police involved ticketing. City of Oakland currently does not have a traffic speed enforcement unit.
- Chair Tevelson does like the change in fines and also, more important, is the elimination of points against a driver that can make insurance too expensive to even carry.

### Staff Updates and Announcements and Future Agenda Items

- ADA Programs Analyst III position has closed. Chair Tevelson would like to know how many applicants the recruitment generated.
- The City of Oakland has published the draft housing element for the Oakland 2045 General Plan and is taking comments until June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The June agenda will feature the Safe Oakland Streets (SOS) Initiative Annual Report and a presentation from the Department of Violence Prevention (DVP)

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

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

The informational meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.