

City of Oakland
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Special Annual Retreat
Monday, October 19, 2019

Minutes

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum at 10:12 a.m.
 - 8 Commissioners present: Davenport, Gregory, Lynne, Nakamura, Ryan, Smith, Sperling, Tevelson
2. Open Forum
 - None
3. Agenda Modification and Approval
 - Chair Report will become agenda item 5, and Opening Remarks and Retreat Review by ADA Division Manager (train delayed) will become agenda item 6.
 - Motion to approve agenda with modification: Sperling
Seconded by Gregory
4. Approval of September 16, 2019 Minutes
 - Motion to approve agenda without modification: Tevelson
Seconded by Gregory
5. Chair Report; *Karen Nakamura, Chair*
 - Chair Nakamura presented an orientation for Commissioners:
 - Background and Predecessors of the ADA
 - Duties and Function of the MCPD
 - MCPD Limitations
 - Staff Limitations
 - Current and Future Challenges
6. Opening Remarks and Retreat Overview; *Anh Nguyen, Manager, ADA Programs Division*
 - Mr. Nguyen opened with an icebreaker asking Commissioners and staff to share something unique about themselves.

- He reaffirmed the purpose of the retreat for team building and strategic planning update as well as shared ground rules.
7. MCPD Strategic Planning for 2020; *Facilitator, Yvonna Cazares, Director of Community Engagement, Office of the Mayor*
 - Remove Objective 1.3 (Accessibility of Oakland's Fixed Route Transit Systems) because initial concerns have been relieved and Objective 1.6 (Complete Streets) because it is on-going.
 - Add language to Goal Area 1 – Transportation: Keep access to Oakland's new and existing transportation amenities ensuring access in Oakland's growing infrastructure.
 8. Public Comments on Strategic Planning
 - Ms. Fisher asked about the differences in the Commissions and ADA office organization and staffing in Oakland and San Francisco.
 9. Lunch Break at 11:50 a.m.
 10. MCPD Strategic Planning for 2020 resumed at 1:17 p.m.
 - Shorten Objective 2.1 language as follows: MCPD will review the content and consider the adequacy of Oakland Police Department (OPD) current policies concerning person with disabilities, including Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).
 - Resources/Stakeholders: Sergeant Doria Neff, who presented to MCPD in the past while serving as OPD CIT Coordinator, is now the supervisor for the OPD Mental Health Unit. She will present to MCPD again in 2020.
 - Barriers/Issues: Staff changes and uncertainty over what policies OPD is currently implementing in regards to engaging with persons with disabilities.
 - Commissioner Tevelson will check with the Police Commission liaison about possibility of CAHOOTS model of intervention for mental health crisis and any complaints regarding OPD and persons with disabilities.

- Objective 2.2: Improve public safety services for persons with disabilities during emergencies and natural disasters
 - There was much discussion about Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS):
 - Concerns about in-home source of back-up energy for electric-powered durable medical equipment (one fatality in California during PSPS)
 - Refrigeration for medication
 - PG&E grants: advocacy to City Council and California Public Utilities Commission
 - PG&E and ADA compliance
- Remove Goal Area 3 – Community Engagement
 - Add column for community engagement for all objectives
 - The Commissioners monitoring each objective will be responsible for community engagement for that objective.
- Objective 4.1: ADA Transition Plan
 - Centralize role of ADA Division
 - Appropriately locate, fund, and staff ADA Division
 - Increase funding for programs and services
 - Ask City Council to study the above
- Remove Objective 4.2: advocate for equitable prioritization of Measure KK funds for infrastructure improvements that serve the disabled community
- Add language for Goal Area 5: Ensure ADA-compliant housing stock
 - Add incentives/credits for accessory dwelling units (a.k.a. granny flats, secondary units) that provide housing to people with disabilities
 - Waive permit fees; move applicants to front of line for ADA sidewalk repair requests
 - ADA-compliant garage door openers and ramps
 - See City of San Jose and Alameda ordinances

- Housing Fair as community engagement: MCPD and ADA staff do not have the capacity to do that, but nonprofits do.
- Another idea is to co-sponsor a Disability Voter Forum like San Francisco does every year.
- Change language in Objective 5.1: Ensure accessibility and affordability of housing in Oakland
 - Renter's rights
 - Mold mitigation
 - Advocating to extend home modification program eligibility to renters might be too difficult to achieve
 - New proposed housing
 - Increase housing stock right now
 - Rent control lawsuit regarding affordable housing
- Objective 5.2: Homeless/unhoused
 - Prevention: workforce/employment
 - Accessibility of shelters
 - First floor units
 - Getting data, e.g. invite EveryoneHome.org regarding point-in-time homeless census/data collection

11. Public Comments on Strategic Planning

- None

12. Retreat Evaluation / Closing Remarks; *Anh Nguyen, Manager, ADA Programs Division*

13. Adjourned at 2:29 p.m.