



City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)

Monday, June 26, 2023 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

* Special Meeting *

Hearing Room 1, First Floor

One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (City Hall), Oakland, CA 94612

Minutes

Commissioners: Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair), Noah Smith (Vice Chair), Ayanna Keeton, Leonard Moore, Marjorie Lynne, Kyle O'Malley, Fatimah Aure, Barry Robinson

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

Presenters: Livable Oakland Work Plan (Lenore Gunst, Mayor's Commission on Aging), MCPD 2023 Strategic Plan (Andrea Mariano, HRM), Broadway Streetscape Improvements (Celina Chan, OakDOT)

Other attendees: Anwar Beroudi

Anh Nguyen begins the meeting with a reminder of rules for in-person meetings:

- No food or open drink allowed in Hearing Room 1 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 1, near the elevators.

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Roll Call

- At roll call, quorum was not established with only five of eight commissioners present (X)

Commissioners	Present (x)
Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair)	X
Noah Smith (Vice Chair)	X
Ayanna Keeton	Absent
Marjorie Lynne	Excused
Leonard Moore	Absent
Kyle O'Malley	X
Fatimah Aure	X
Barry Robinson	X

Open Forum:

- There were no public comments.

Commissioner's Announcements

- Commissioner Eberhardt is planning to speak at the budget hearing taking place concurrently with the MCPD meeting.
- Commissioner Smith met with the City Attorney, Anh and outside legal counsel to discuss an elevator ordinance.

Livable Oakland Work Plan

- Lenore Gunst, chair of the Mayor's Commission on Aging (MCOA) made a presentation. The Livable Oakland Work Plan began under Mayor Schaaf's administration in 2017. Oakland is one of several East Bay cities looking to become age-friendly cities as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO). The plan's work groups include communication, health & wellness, housing, and open spaces. The project has a budget of about \$180,000 for a two-year pilot; an additional \$200,000 could be dedicated to the project from Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax revenues.
- Commissioner Eberhardt said that it seemed to her as though the plan was just in its beginning stages. Ms. Gunst gave some examples of portions of the plan that will be starting soon, such as the

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communication platform and home repairs. She mentioned that the open space park would have the longest timeline.

- Commissioner Eberhardt asked about caregiver services. Ms. Gunst replied that case management services will be available through the senior centers.
- Commissioner Smith noted that many of the goals of this plan apply to people with disabilities as well as to seniors, and asked Ms. Gunst if there was a specific ask she had for MCPD. She replied that MCPD and MCOA should support one another, particularly in light of the proposed merger between MCOA and Youth and Family Services, which she opposes on the grounds that senior issues would likely become invisible.

2023 Strategic Planning

- Andrea Mariano, HRM Training and Organizational Development Manager for the City of Oakland, made a presentation. The goals for MCPD's strategic plan are as follows: 1) policing & safety; 2) environmental impacts and concerns; 3) accessibility of city programs/services/activities/facilities; 4) ensure affordable and ADA-compliant housing stock; and 5) civil liberties. Each goal includes 1 to 3 actions. The commissioners will decide who will focus on which actions.
- Commissioner Smith stated that there had been informal discussion of the assignment of tasks to the various commissioners, but nothing concrete as yet.
- Commissioner Eberhardt asked if the commissioners had signed up for tasks at last month's meeting. Commissioner Smith replied that it was on an informal basis. Mr. Nguyen mentioned that he had kept a log from last month's meeting.
- Commissioner Smith volunteered for goals 3.1 and 3.2, development and implementation of the city's ADA plan, and for goal 4.1, relating to an elevator ordinance.
- Commissioner Eberhardt volunteered for goals 4.2 and 4.3,
- Commissioner O'Malley signed up for goal areas 5 (civil liberties) and 1 (policing & safety), since the commissioner who had originally signed up for goal area 1 has left the commission.
- After the plan is finalized, a presentation will be given to the mayor's and city administrator's offices.
- Commissioner Aure decried the ongoing lack of quorum and described it as a delay tactic. She also asked if there was a deadline

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for the plan. Mr. Nguyen replied that, given the timing, the plan might well become a multiyear plan.

- Commissioner Smith pointed out that many of the plan's goals are multiyear in nature, and that the commission has stagnated since the return to in-person meetings.
- Commissioner Eberhardt said that she would be interested in working on the presentation when the time comes.
- Mr. Nguyen mentioned that there had been public input as well, specifically that of Sheela Gunn-Cushman from CIL on the goals related to emergency preparedness.
- Member of the public Anwar Beroudi expressed interest in helping out.

Broadway Streetscape Project

Action Items: At the request of OakDOT, MCPD will write a letter supporting this project.

- Celina Chan, Transportation Planner III with the Department of Transportation (OakDOT) made a presentation. She outlined Broadway's history as Oakland's "main street", described the existing conditions along Broadway (40 buses per hour travel on Broadway) and previous attempts at engagement, the project location (on Broadway between 2nd and 11th streets and between 20th and Grand Avenue), and the project scope, which includes new ADA curb ramps and high-visibility crosswalks, extended bus-only lanes, lowering the speed limit to 20 miles per hour, and more.
- Commissioner Robinson suggested that solar power be used to power the lights at the I-880 underpass, so as to reduce the threat of vandalism. Ms. Chan replied that OakDOT was looking at how other cities had implemented similar projects, and that San Jose's, shown in the presentation, had been installed before new Caltrans guidelines came out.
- Member of the public Anwar Beroudi asked what types of wayfinding signage would be included, and about opportunities for public feedback. Ms. Chan replied that signage would direct people to transportation options such as BART, the ferry, and Amtrak, and that a survey was open on the project's website.
- Mr. Nguyen mentioned that OakDOT is developing a kiosk wayfinding program similar to one already operating in Berkeley.
- Commissioner Smith said that MCPD should support this project.

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- Commissioner Robinson asked whether other streets would be getting similar improvements, specifically Foothill Blvd. between Lake Merritt and Fruitvale. Ms. Chan replied that work on that stretch of Foothill Blvd. would begin later in the year, partially consisting of improvements at AC Transit bus stops along the route.

Forming an ad-hoc committee to explore hybrid meeting led by Commissioner Smith

Action Items: Commissioner O'Malley to finish drafting a letter to the City of Oakland and the Governor's office.

- Commissioner Smith stated that attendance is down among both the public and commissioners since the return to in-person meetings, and that commissioners have resigned due to the change.
- Commissioner O'Malley has begun drafting a letter to the City of Oakland and the Governor's office. This will be the first step in bringing hybrid meetings back to the commission. He also mentioned that San Francisco has begun returning to hybrid meetings.
- Commissioner Smith inquired about the rules for forming an ad hoc committee. Mr. Nguyen replied that a motion would be necessary, thus requiring quorum.
- Commissioner Smith replied that no quorum was needed for the letter; he suggested that Commissioner O'Malley finish drafting the letter for Acting Chair Eberhardt's signature.
- Commissioner O'Malley mentioned that the San Francisco city attorney's actions in returning to hybrid meetings were promising for MCPD.

Election of 2023 Officers

- Without quorum, the election of officers could not proceed. Commissioner Eberhardt will continue as Acting Chair and Commissioner Smith will continue as Acting Vice Chair.

Staff Updates and Announcements

- Mr. Nguyen announced that Mark Romoser has joined the ADA Program Division as Program Analyst I, so the division now has 2 staff members.
- Mr. Romoser gave a brief introduction.

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- Mr. Nguyen mentioned that recruitment for the Program Analyst III and architectural positions was ongoing.

Future Agenda Items

- Proposed agenda topic for upcoming meeting – a presentation on the Oakland general plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17