



City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, May 15, 2023 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
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, LaTonya Bannister, Executive Assistant, City Administrators Office (assisting Anh with meeting)

Presenters: Oakland E-bike Library Program – Michael Randolph & Kerby Olsen (OakDOT), Edgar Arellano & Cynthia Ibarra (Grid Alternatives)

Other attendees: Sheila Gunn-Cushman

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.

Staff Updates and Announcements

- Emily is no longer with the city and the ADA Program Division is down to 1 staff member.

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Future Agenda Items

- Proposed agenda topic for June – a presentation from the Oakland Mayor Commission on Aging will give a presentation about their Annual Strategic Plan titled “Livable Oakland Work Plan”
- Proposed agenda topic for June – a presentation titled “Broadway Streetscape Project” presented by OakDOT staff.

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	X
Leonard Moore	absent
Kyle O'Malley	absent
Fatimah Aure	X
Barry Robinson	X

Open Forum:

Sheila Gunn-Cushman

- spoke about the inefficiency of Zoom access to the meetings. She stated that there needs to be a priority for making the meetings virtual. She also shared concerns about the city budget in regard to the Aging Commission.

Commissioner's Announcements

- Commissioner Smith has a meeting with the City Attorney, Anh and outside legal counsel to discuss an elevator ordinance and will be reporting out on this during the next scheduled MCPD meeting.

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- Commissioner Eberhardt announced EWG for the Oakland City plan is working on Environmental Justice.

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

- Commissioner Smith stated research has been done into hybrid meetings being a possibility as well as commissioners participating remotely. Next step will be to draft a letter to the City of Oakland and the Governor's office Commissioner O'Malley has volunteered to draft the letter. This will be the first step in bringing hybrid meetings the commission.

Commissioner Eberhardt called for a recess at 5:50pm, meeting reconvened at 6:25pm.

Oakland E-bike Library Program

- Michael Randolph, Transportation Planner with OakDOT Parking and Mobility Division begins the presentation. The purpose of the Oakland E-bike Library is to incentivize a more adaptive e-bike program to begin in Oakland. They have partnered with Grid Alternatives Bay area to help support the 0 emissions incentive and to provide alternative transportation methods for those with mobility disabilities.
- Edgar Arellano with Grid Alternatives Bay area spoke next. He stated the purpose of partnering with the city is to bring forward a program that can provide e-bikes to the City of Oakland as well as adaptive bikes for those with disabilities. The priority of the presentation to the MCPD is to get some insight on the type of adaptive bikes and the areas of the City that best utilize this program.
- Commissioner Aure inquired as to whether the City's plan was to work already established programs around the City and if the bikes would be fully electronic for those with mobility issues. Michael Randolph's response to both questions was yes and that these items were already a part of the plan.
- Commissioner Smith asked if they have looked into further funding for this program through state or federal funding. Michael Randolph explained that funding grants are being sought through various sources and they have received some funding, however staff

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restraints are preventing them from being to able to all available grants.

- Vice Chair Eberhardt inquired about the costs of renting the E-bikes. Edgar Arellano stated that during this process they are seeking help from the community to establish a cost structure that will be feasible for all. VC Eberhardt also mentioned that most of the bike share programs require a credit card and not everyone uses a credit card. She also mentioned maybe tying the cost to a Clipper card. Michael responded that they are still working on the payment process and will be examining different options.
- It was discussed that during the pilot stage of this program they would concentrate on areas of the City that do not have any E-bike programs and where accessibility to E-bikes are limited.
- Edgar Arellano mentioned that finding space for the bikes to store, use as rental space and repair has been difficult but not impossible and they are working with some vendors to establish this.
- Michael Randolph stated that during this pilot program all aspects of how the community as whole responds and what it is needed where will be taken into consideration moving forward.
- Sheila Gunn-Cushman stated that being blind and not wanting a care giver will put her at a disadvantage with being able to use E-bikes. But mentioned that an Uber type tandem E-bike could be a possible solution. She also mentioned that bikes on sidewalks are very dangerous especially for someone with disabilities.
- There was discussion about the best areas within the City to establish this program. The focus is to be available throughout the City, however they will initially target areas that have no established programs already.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47