



**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
**Monday, May 12, 2014**

**Minutes**

- I. Called to order at 1:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call:
  - Quorum: Yes
  - See Exhibit A1
- III. Public Comments
  - Chairperson Beard asked the visitors to introduce themselves. (Please see Exhibit A2)
- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
  - Commissioner Wright reported on the passing of Disability Activist Ms. Ollie Arnold.
    - Announced that the Department of Managed Health Care appointed a financial conservator for Alameda Alliance for Health to oversee its operations.
  - Commissioner Jacobson stated that it is important for people to get involved regarding BART and its proposed new car design.
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - Motion to approve the April 14, 2014 minutes
  - Motion/Second: Commissioner Thompson/Commissioner Blanks
  - Motion passed: Commissioner Beard abstained.
- VI. Agenda Modification and Approval
  - May 12, 2014
  - Item XI will be moved up to follow Item VIII.
  - Motion/Second: Commissioner Blanks/Commissioner Jacobson
  - Motion passed by consensus

- VII. Chairperson's Report, Stephen Beard announced:
- Met with Reverend Buford of Allen Temple Baptist Church regarding mutual community concerns. Reverend Buford has offered his support with the recruitment of commissioners.
  - Working on the MCPD's role of participation in the Disability Employment Awareness activities for October 2014.
- VIII. Vice-Chairperson's Report, Scott Blanks introduced:
- The speaker from BART, Mr. Weinstein. (Please refer to Item XI, Old Business below).
- IX. Committee Reports:
- A. Access Compliance Advisory Committee (ACAC); Chairperson Scott Blanks announced that there will be a special meeting of the Bus Rapid Transit, BRT Functional Needs Subcommittee with the AC Transit Access Advisory Committee. The meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, starting at 12:00 p.m., at AC Transit Headquarters, 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland.
- The May 21, 2014 meeting is cancelled. There is an ACAC meeting planned for June 18, 2014.
- B. Education & Outreach Ad-hoc Committee, EOC; Chairperson Lorraine Rosenblatt reported:
- There are a number of events planned for the remainder of 2014. (Please See Exhibit B)
  - Have submitted a timeline for the proposed 2014 Candidates' Forum. (Please See Exhibit C)
  - Extended an open invitation to the EOC meetings which meet on the first Friday of the month in Jack London Square. Please contact Commissioner Rosenblatt for more information on the EOC meetings.
  - The MCPD Facebook page has had 127 likes. Expressed appreciation to Commissioner Jacobson for setting up the MCPD Facebook page.
- X. Staff Reports
- A. Draft MCPD Annual Report to the Oakland City Council Life Enrichment Committee, LEC; Stephen Beard reported:

- The MCPD annual report will be heard at the LEC on June 24, 2014. It is important for the MCPD to deliver its annual report to keep the issues of the disability community at the forefront of City Council.
- Motion: The MCPD accepts the draft Annual MCPD Report for 2013 subject to the commission's chairperson's necessary edits for its presentation at the June 24, 2014 meeting of City Council's Life Enrichment Committee.
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Wright/Commissioner Hernandez
- Approved by consensus

B. ADA Programs Division Update; Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Manager reported:

- Ms. Calabrese spent two full days in mediation. A day was devoted to the Bellevue Avenue Parking Area (Fairylane) and the second day concentrated on the White case (the Woodminister Amphitheater).
- ADA Programs Division staff is working with the Planning and Building Department's staff on the Reasonable Accommodations Ordinance for Housing, and the Housing Element Five Year Plan.
- The work on the Bus Rapid Transit, BRT project is ongoing.

C. Staff Reports Schedule Update; Ms. Calabrese reported that there is a backlog on staff reports and will report out in June 2014 on the scheduling of staff reports.

XI. Old Business

A. Aaron Weinstein, Chief Marketing Officer, BART, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the new BART cars, coined the Fleet of the Future.

- BART's cars are among the oldest within the nation. The cars have undergone a couple of re-furbishes; however, they have not been completely replaced since BART's inception.
- The project is not just to replace the old cars but to increase the number of cars. The additional cars will ease the problems associated with over-crowded conditions.
- BART has ordered 775 new BART cars. BART's goal is to order 1000 new cars. The current BART fleet is 669 cars. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, MTC will provide

financial support for an order of 900 new BART cars. This is an important step toward the 1000 cars.

- Since the inception of this project, BART has worked with its BART Accessibility Task Force and has placed a particular emphasis on disability access.
  - There have been consistent issues with the vertical poles and where they will be installed.
    - Commissioner Burns suggested that horizontal poles replace the vertical poles.
  - Commissioner Burns further asked about additional safety features.
    - Mr. Weinstein reported that a new safety feature will be a non-seated grey painted buffer section at the end of each car that will be compressible upon impact. This section will serve to protect the seated passengers from the effects of collision.
  - Commissioner Jacobson asked about people of short stature.
    - Mr. Weinstein responded that a survey was conducted among people about the height of the BART cars and the most popular height, 18.3 inches, has been chosen.
  - There will be pilot cars next summer 2015. The first cars for riders will be in 2017. There will be 100 new cars in the first year.
  - There are three mitigations. First, shift the pole from the wheelchair zone by four inches opening up a wider pathway. Second, the wheelchair symbol will be painted on the floor. Thirdly, there will be a public campaign called 'clear the path'. This will ask people to clear the pathway for persons with disabilities. These three mitigations are being tested at the various mockups around the system.
- Mr. Weinstein may be reached at the following email; [fofdesign@bart.gov](mailto:fofdesign@bart.gov). This will go directly to Mr. Weinstein's inbox.

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## XII. New Business

### A. Speakers Series

- Police Training Update; Officer Doria Neff, Mental Health Liaison, Oakland Police Department reported: (Please review pages 17 - 26 in the May 12, 2014 packet).
- This position is full-time; it also assists with training other smaller departments. Has coordinated the Alameda County Crisis Intervention Training, CIT program for the past three years. For 2014, has trained 74 officers in Alameda County in Crisis Intervention.
- The focus of the training is for officers in the field (patrol). This instruction is to help officers develop a more compassionate understanding of mental illness.
  - The current training at the Police Academy consists of a 40 hour training course. Learning Domain 37 is a full ADA/Disability review. It is required classroom instruction. It assists officers to distinguish between a person with a developmental disability versus a person experiencing a mental health crisis. There is a written exam for Domain 37 and the training includes live field simulations.
  - It also provides information regarding service animals.
- There is two day training for dispatchers for dealing with people in crisis over the telephone.
- Provides training for police service technicians, who respond to “not-in-progress” situations and to the Citizens Police Academy.
- There will be a crisis response mobile team, with an officer and a clinician that will assist first responders (officers) in providing initial evaluation during a crisis situation.
- Coordinates a quarterly meeting/roundtable discussion between members of both the behavioral health profession and law enforcement officers that provides accountability for both professions.
- OPD has on-call American Sign Language, ASL service that has been live for eight months, currently it is rarely used. Officer Neff is able to “sign”.

XIII. Meeting Evaluation

- Extremely informative

XIV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Annual report
- Speaker

XV. Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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NOTE: THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM  
ON THE AGENDA

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Public Comments: To offer public comments at the MCPD meeting, please register with Adriana Mitchell, ADA Programs Assistant, before the start of the meeting. Public Comments is one of the first agenda items therefore, please, arrive by 12:45 p.m. Please note that the MCPD will not provide a detailed response to your comments but may schedule your issue for a future MCPD or committee meeting. The Public Comment period is limited to 15 minutes and each individual speaker is limited to 5 minutes. If more than 3 public speakers register, however, then each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If more than 5 public speakers register, then each speaker will be limited to 2 minutes. Exceptions to these rules may be granted at the discretion of the Chairperson.

 This meeting is wheelchair accessible. To request materials in alternative formats, or to request an ASL interpreter, captioning or assistive listening device, please call Adriana Mitchell 238-5219 (V) or 238-2007 (TTY) at least three, 3, business days before the meeting. Please refrain from wearing scented products to this meeting so persons who may experience chemical sensitivities can attend. Thank you.