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Agenda Report

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: CAO/ADA Programs
DATE: June 14, 2005

SUBJECT: MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
ACTIVITY REPORT

SUMMARY

This is an informational report to update the City Council on the activities of the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD). The attached report lists MCPD accomplishments for **November 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005** and includes a current MCPD roster.

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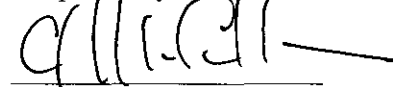
None

DISCUSSION

The Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities was established by City ordinance in 1980 to represent and address the issues of people with disabilities. Since 1990, the MCPD has acted as the City's designated advisory body for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. (The U.S. Department of Justice requires that cities establish a public advisory body to oversee implementation and monitoring of the ADA.)

The Commission has three active committees: ADA/504 and Housing; Education, Employment and Outreach; and Transportation and Mobility. These committees participate in nearly every aspect of City government and advocate for full inclusion of people with disabilities in City programs, activities and services. The MCPD works closely with the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, the Center for Independent Living, the Oakland Unified School District, and other state and local agencies to create opportunities for Oaklanders with disabilities.

Respectfully Submitted,



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City ADA Coordinator

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CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Activity Report
November 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005

Administrative

- Commissioner Nancy Crosby resigned her seat in December 2004, after serving two terms.
- Conducted outreach to local disability organizations and recruited individual applicants to the MCPD. Two new commissioners were appointed in February 2005: Bob Pittman, former chair of the City's Health and Human Services Commission; and Gladys Hudson Jones, disability advocate. The MCPD currently has 12 seated commissioners and 3 vacancies.
- The MCPD held its yearly retreat and adopted goals and objectives for calendar year 2005. (12/2004)
- Chairperson Teixeira attended the January 4, 2005 City Council meeting, where she gave public comment regarding the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the Council's goals and objectives for the fiscal year 2005/07 policy budget. (01/2005)
- Election of MCPD officers for calendar year 2005. Linda Teixeira was reelected as Chairperson for 2005. Chris Finn was newly elected as Vice Chairperson. (Former Vice Chairperson Denis Craig declined nomination for 2005.) (01/2005)

ADA/504 and Housing Activities

- Provided oversight for the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Capital Improvement Program.
- Monitored expenditure of up to \$250,000 of ADA Transition Plan Municipal Improvement Capital (MIC) funds (project number C88810) for an ADA Sidewalk Condition Survey. The project scope includes drafting a City ADA Public Right of Way Transition Plan. The ADA Programs Division is completing this project in cooperation with the MCPD Transportation and Mobility Committee and the Public Works Agency.
- Passed a motion to approve spending of \$40,000 in ADA Transition Plan MIC funds (project number C88810) to help cover the cost of poured in place rubber play surfacing for the Lincoln Square Playground (Junk Boat) Renovation Project. (11/2004)

- Heard a report on the Oakland Public Library Draft Master Facilities Plan. (11/2004)
- Commissioners Teixeira and Craig met with Oakland Redevelopment Agency and Community Economic Development Agency (CEDA) representatives Daniel Vanderprieem, Director of Redevelopment, Economic Development, and Housing and Community Development; Sean Rogan, Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development; and Jackie Campbell, Monitoring And Evaluation Supervisor. (01/2005)
 1. The MCPD proposed that the California State Universal Design guidelines be voluntarily adopted by the City of Oakland. CEDA agreed to review these guidelines. Claudia Cappio, Director of Development, will organize CEDA's review.
 2. CEDA reported on the Uptown Housing Development Project. The MCPD asked for a seat on the committee that will select a developer to construct the planned 70 units of affordable housing.
 3. The MCPD requested that 2005-07 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the Access Improvement Program either match or exceed 2003-05 levels.
 4. Discussed CEDA oversight of marketing of accessible housing units by private developers who receive funds through the City. The MCPD requested that CEDA continue its voluntary compliance with U.S. Housing and Urban Development standards.
- Heard a report on Office of Parks and Recreation Inclusive Recreation Activities. (01/2005)
- Reviewed the Studio One Art Center Rehabilitation Project and discussed universal design issues with the project manager and project architect. (01/2005)
- Received a 911 Registry Update from the Oakland Fire Department Communications Division. (01/2005)

Transportation and Mobility Activities

- Provided oversight and technical assistance to the Public Works Agency's Curb Ramp, Sidewalk Repair and Disabled Parking Zone Programs.
- Monitored the suspension of the Residential Disabled Parking Zone Program under the City's 2003-05 Policy Budget. Exemptions are allowed but eligibility criteria are much more stringent than those of the regular program. The MCPD will continue to monitor this program to determine if the suspension should be lifted and what new eligibility criteria should be adopted for 2005-07.

- Heard a report from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) about the new Alameda County Emergency Wheelchair Repair Program. (11/2004)
- Received a report on the City of Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled Program (OPED). (02/2005)
- Discussed accessibility issues in and around the Eastmont Town Center; particularly its second level, which houses social service agencies. A future meeting, wherein these issues will be discussed further, is being planned. (03/2005)
- Participated in, and received reports from, the Accessibility Transportation Action Coalition of the East Bay regarding East Bay Paratransit. Heard a series of reports from Burrell Hanson regarding East Bay Paratransit.

Education, Employment and Outreach Activities

- Passed a motion to cosponsor Harambee's yearly Kuumba arts event in the amount of \$500 (project number P36700). Harambee is an organization that concentrates its efforts in the African American disability community (11/04/04)
- Passed a motion to fund a youth leadership event in the amount of \$2,500 (project number P36700). (01/2005)
- Cosponsored the 2005 Transition Information Faire, which is hosted by the Alameda County Interagency Transition Planning Team. (03/2005)
- Held the first annual "Youth in Action: Celebrating Future Leaders of the Disability Community," event at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel. The event was co-sponsored by the MCPD, Center for Independent Living and the Oakland Unified School District. Over twenty outstanding young people received awards and the event was very inspiring for everyone that attended. (04/2005)
- Co-sponsored a Fire Safety Day for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities event with the Oakland Fire Department Communications Division. (04/2005)

CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities
Roster and Committee Assignments
June 2005

Chairperson: Linda Teixeira
 Vice Chair: Chris Finn

	ADA/504/ Housing	Education/ Employment/ Outreach	Transportation/ Mobility
Petrina Alexander		X	
Eva Aguillard			X
Lynne Cutler		X (Co-Chair)	
Denis Craig	X (Chair)		
Chris Finn		X	
Gladys Hudson-Jones			X
Alice Moore	X		X
Bob Pittman	X		
Tamar Raine	X		X
Lorraine Rosenblatt		X (Co-Chair)	
Linda Teixeira	X		X (Chair)
Safi wa Nairobi		X	
(Three Vacancies)			