

COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Friday, December 7, 2007, 10:30 a.m.
Kona Mayor's Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Michael Gleason, Chair; Lawrence Scadden, Vice-Chair; Laura Tobosa, Secretary; Jean Navarro, James Souza

EXCUSED: Jack Matsui, Ronald Wagner-Wright, Ted Yamanaka, Diane Noda, Corporation Counsel

GUESTS: Jack Dixon, Malina Dravis-Tucker, Interpreter; Susan Golden, Teri-Spinola-Campbell, ADA Coordinator (Equal Opportunity Officer)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. An introduction of committee members, staff, and guests was made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

L. Scadden made a motion to accept the minutes of November 2, 2007. J. Souza seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ISSUES

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was reviewed.

L. Tobosa made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. J. Navarro seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Thank you letter from DCAB to L. Scadden for doing the introductions at the Emergency Preparedness Forum on October 16, 2007

COMMUNITY LIAISON REPORTS

A. EDUCATION/PUBLIC AWARENESS LIAISON – M. GLEASON

No report.

B. RECREATION LIAISON – L. SCADDEN

No report.

C. TRANSPORTATION LIAISON – R. WAGNER-WRIGHT

No report.

D. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS LIAISON – L. SCADDEN

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. VOLUNTEER PARKING VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE – SGT. D. VERIATO

No report.

T. Spinola-Campbell reported that she contacted the Judiciary to see if they could find out how many people go to court for citations. She will follow up and provide a report at the next meeting.

M. Gleason asked how does MCPD feel about the program? Is it working and has the program made any difference? L. Scadden responded that the program is working, but there is more that can be done. He received many telephone calls after his name appeared in the West Hawaii Today relating to the volunteer parking violation enforcement program. Some people said that not enough is being done.

B. UPDATE FROM DCAB – C. FLEMING/N. OLESEN/C. TOWNSEND

The December report from F. Wai, Executive Director of DCAB, was distributed to MCPD members.

J. Navarro reported that the Chamber of Commerce is planning to have an expo in May 2008. She felt it would be a great time for MCPD to do some other kinds of training as employers through the Chamber of Commerce. She would like to encourage more employers to hire persons with disabilities. She suggested to put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

C. ADA COORDINATOR'S REPORT – T. SPINOLA-CAMPBELL

T. Spinola-Campbell provided her report as the ADA Coordinator for November 2007. ADA Coordinator's report attached.

S. Golden raised an issue regarding the use of tasers on people with disabilities. T. Spinola-Campbell said she can follow up with the Police Department or MCPD can write a letter to the Police Chief. She offered to do research on the use of tasers for people with disabilities and also add it into her training for police recruits and she could bring it to the attention of the police department.

D. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT – A. MITCHENER

No report.

T. Spinola-Campbell reported that she has modification funds to fund two new chair lifts for the Kona Community Aquatic Center and the Kawamoto Pool. She also received a request to install a handrail in the men's change room at the Kona Community Aquatic Center.

T. Spinola-Campbell reported on Easter Seals Project ACTION Mobility Planning Team. Teams, selected through a competitive application process, will convene in Washington, D.C., to share information and strategies to improve access to transportation services in their communities. Applications are due in December. Perhaps MCPD can think about it for next year and the Transportation Liaison can spearhead this.

J. Navarro asked the status of the paratransit vans for Kona. T. Spinola-Campbell responded that T. Brown is going to send her a report on the update of the paratransit vans.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES

J. Dixon reported that he and his wife have special needs and both of them require service dogs. One of their service dogs died unexpectedly last month and they are financially strapped and are unable to purchase a replacement service dog. He is inquiring if anyone has any ideas about funding or service dogs in this area. T. Spinola-Campbell suggested that J. Dixon contact Sharon Smockhoffman from Hawaii Disability Rights to assist him. T. Spinola-Campbell will contact J. Dixon with information that she follows up on.

M. Gleason suggested that J. Dixon approach some other service organizations such as the Rotary Club for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

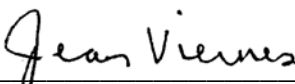
The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 4, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. in the Aupuni Center conference room.

M. Gleason asked MCPD members to email him or J. Viernes with agenda items if anyone have issues to discuss in upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY