

COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Friday, January 6, 2006, 10:30 a.m.
Department of Research and Development Conference Room

PRESENT: Ted Yamanaka, Vice-Chair; Denise Cowdrey, Michael Gleason, Jack Matsui, James Souza, Laura Tobosa

EXCUSED: Lawrence Scadden, Chair; Betsy Whitney, Secretary

GUESTS: Malina Dravis, Interpreter; Teri Spinola-Campbell, ADA Coordinator (Equal Opportunity Officer)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:46 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

L. Tobosa made a motion to accept the minutes of December 2, 2005. J. Souza seconded the motion. The motion was passed with D. Cowdrey abstaining.

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. D. Cowdrey seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TEAM REPORTS

A. EDUCATION/PUBLIC AWARENESS TEAM – M. GLEASON

No report.

B. RECREATION TEAM – L. SCADDEN

No report.

C. TRANSPORTATION TEAM – B. WHITNEY

No report.

D. NOMINATING TEAM – M. GLEASON/L. TOBOSA/B. WHITNEY

L. Tobosa reported that one application was received from Julia Staten of West Hawaii. There was another interested applicant, Jean Navarro, but she lives in Honokaa and works in Kona.

T. Yamanaka stated that if there are no objections, MCPD will recommend J. Staten's nomination to the Mayor. J. Matsui made a motion to accept J. Staten's application. D. Cowdrey seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

No report.

B. UPDATE FROM DCAB – C. FLEMING/N. OLESEN/K. SHAW

The January report from K. Shaw, DCAB was distributed to MCPD members.

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

T. Spinola-Campbell provided her report as the ADA Coordinator for December 2005. ADA Coordinator's report attached.

T. Spinola-Campbell reported that she received an e-mail from Francine Wai, DCAB, regarding DCAB taking the lead on a working group on emergency preparedness as it relates to persons with disabilities and special needs. F. Wai would like to get more consumer feedback now that the agencies have come to the table to talk. Either she or Debbie Jackson can attend the MCPD meeting in January to get this on the agenda or schedule a separate small forum and invite people for feedback. She would like to do this before the Legislature, if possible. T. Spinola-Campbell said that she responded to F. Wai and indicated that the agenda has already gone out.

J. Viernes said that D. Jackson informed her that she will be attending the February meeting in Kona.

T. Spinola-Campbell reported that people are complaining that HCEOC is not providing transportation for people with disabilities. She mentioned this issue to T. Brown because HCEOC receives funds from the county through the Mass Transit Agency. If anyone has a complaint, put it in writing and send it to T. Brown. D. Cowdrey said that Goodwill Industries is having problems getting more riders into their agency. When she called HCEOC to inquire about more riders, they said they are not providing any more services from the Puna area.

T. Spinola-Campbell mentioned that the pilot project on door to door service for people with disabilities in Puna and Kona will begin in September.

D. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT – A. MITCHENER

No report.

E. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – L. SCADDEN

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 3, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. in the Kona Mayor's Office conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY