AGENDA

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: Disability and Communication Access Board
1010 Richards Street, Conference Room 111A
Date: March 15, 2018
Time: 9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the January 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

III. Old Business
   A. Public Education
      • Parking Liaisons – Update
   B. 2018 Legislation – Update
      • Parking Meter Bill
      • Placard Confiscation Bill
   C. Placard Renewal Notification Policy Change and Statistics – Update
   D. Letter to Medical Centers – Update

IV. New Business
   A. Death Records Crossmatch
   B. Letter to Schools – Accessible Parking Rules
   C. Prospective Public Education Efforts

V. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration for Committee’s agenda at the next meeting

VI. Next Meeting

VII. Adjournment

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1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Date: March 15, 2018
Time: 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Pauline Aughe, Chairperson; Bryant Yabui, Board Member; Kirby Shaw, Bryan Mick, Kamaile Hopfe, Staff

ABSENT: Summer Kozai, Board Member

GUEST: Aaron Aughe

I. Chairperson Pauline Aughe called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. The Committee approved the minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting (M/S/P Yabui/Aughe).

III. Old Business

A. Public Education

Parking Liaisons – Update

Staff announced that the final documents relating to the parking liaison program is awaiting the signature of Executive Director Francine Wal. Letters will be sent to disability organizations and previously identified individuals to recruit prospective liaisons. Staff said the process was delayed while DCAB determined how liaisons would be reimbursed. Staff said that liaisons would be reimbursed for uploading pics of accessible parking spaces to the parking locator app and taking pics of accessible parking spaces that appear to be noncompliant so that DCAB can follow up with the property owners to offer technical assistance on proper accessible parking space design.

B. 2018 Legislation – Update

Parking Meter Bill

Staff reported that the Senate version of this bill (SB 974 SD2) crossed over to the House of Representatives and was being heard today by the Health and Human Services Committee. Staff noted that if the bill passed out of Committee, it would be referred to the House Transportation Committee for a hearing. The bill restricts the parking meter fee exemption of the first two and a half hours or the maximum time the meter allows, whichever is longer, to
only permittees who are unable to reach or operate a meter due to a physical disability. Staff noted that one of the main reasons for people obtaining permits under false pretenses or borrowing another person’s permit is to park for free. When such persons have use of a permit, they may use it to park in accessible parking spaces and effectively deny the parking spaces for permittees who actually need them. Bryan Mick added that even people who legitimately qualify for a permit often use it to park longer than the exempted time period. He added that it is hard for parking enforcement to know how long a vehicle that displays a disability parking permit has been parked in a metered parking space for the purpose of citing vehicles that are parked beyond the exempted time period. Bryant Yabui commented that the counties should support this bill because it would likely result in additional revenue for them. Kirby Shaw replied that representatives from the county Departments of Motor Vehicles indicated they do not get the funds from parking meters, but staff will research to find out what agency receives parking meter funds and see if they will submit testimony in support.

**Placard Confiscation Bill**

Staff reported that the Senate version of this bill (SB 975 SD1 HD1) crossed over to the House of Representatives, but could not say whether the Judiciary Committee would schedule it for a hearing.

**C. Placard Renewal Notification Policy Change and Statistics – Update**

Bryan Mick reported that for the first two months of the third quarter of fiscal year 2017-2018, a total of 4,488 placards were issued, of which 3,409 were long term, and 1,079 were temporary. Of the long-term permits, 1,429 were renewals issued by DCAB. The renewal rate was 50 percent, which is a slight dip from the previous quarter’s rate of 53 percent. However, the total number of active permittees continues to rise between 200-500 every month.

**D. Letter to Medical Centers - Update**

Staff reported that on February 2, 2018, DCAB sent a letter to the administrators of major medical centers throughout the State to remind physicians and advanced practice registered nurses of their key role in certifying only applicants who are eligible to obtain a disability parking permit, and to explain the purposes of the two new parking permit application forms. The letter asked the hospital administrators to circulate the letter to their staff.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Death Records Crossmatch**

Staff reported that DCAB restarted its efforts to periodically crossmatch disability parking permittee records with death records maintained by the Department of Health Vital Records Branch. Staff noted that DCAB lack of staffing prevented this from occurring for quite some time. DCAB sent a file containing all active permittees to Vital Records several weeks ago. Vital Records will in turn provide DCAB with a list of permittees who appear in their death records database. DCAB will generate letters to the decedents’ estates
to seek retrieval of their placards and instruct the estates to turn in any special license plates that remain in their possession.

B. Letter to Schools – Accessible Parking Rules

Staff reported that a frequent type of call DCAB receives concerns accessible parking spaces at public schools. Sometimes employees park in spaces that are reserved for visitors, sometimes schools block the accessible parking spaces during drop off and pick up times, and sometimes disabled employees are not sure of their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Instead of waiting for individual inquiries to be made, DCAB will send a letter to public school principals to inform them about accessible parking space requirements under the ADA.

C. Prospective Public Education Efforts

Bryan Mick reported that DCAB designated funds in this fiscal year for public education efforts. Staff designed an ad that can be placed on TheBus in Honolulu and/or published in various statewide newspapers. Staff is also exploring collaboration with a nearby charter school to produce a public service announcement (PSA) video. Pauline Aughe commented that a radio PSA may be an effective way of reaching a large number of drivers, especially if the PSA runs during commuting hours.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2018, at the Kamamalu Building, 1010 Richards Street.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:35 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

BRYAN K. MICK