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AGENDA

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: Disability and Communication Access Board
1010 Richards Street, Conference Room 111A
Date: January 17, 2019
Time: 9:30 a.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the September 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- III. Old Business
 - A. Public Education
 - Parking Liaisons – Update
 - B. 2019 Legislation – Update
 - Parking Meter, Confiscation, Eligibility Criteria Bill
 - C. Placard Renewal Statistics – Update
 - D. Death Records Crossmatch – Update
 - E. Public Education Efforts – Update
 - F. Hawaii Administrative Rules, Parking for Persons with Disabilities – Update
- IV. New Business
 - A. Public Concern – Lack of exceptions for parking in access aisle
- 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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MINUTES

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PRESENT: Pauline Aughe, Chairperson; Violet Horvath, Summer Kozai, Bryant Yabui, Board Members; Francine Wai, Bryan Mick, Kamaile Hopfe, Staff

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 September 20, 2018 meeting (M/S/P Kozai/Aughe).
- III. Old Business

A. Public Education

Parking Liaisons – Update

Bryan Mick reported that there has not been much progress on this topic. The idea of approaching schools to help populate the accessible parking stall app that was suggested earlier would likely require some extensive outreach to the Department of Education during the summer.

Francine Wai explained that DCAB originally planned to execute Memorandums of Agreement with individuals who wanted to become volunteer parking liaisons. However, the Department of Health human resources office informed DCAB that such individuals would need to go through the same process as potential hires, including background checks, proof of vehicle insurance, etc. However, DCAB could contract with a non-profit agency that would be able to pay the liaisons without the hiring process requirements. Therefore, DCAB approached Disability Rights Hawaii (DRH) to determine its interest in contracting with DCAB to manage the parking liaison program. DRH indicated it was no longer a non-profit, but suggested that DCAB contact Aloha Independent Living (AIL), a non-profit, to manage the program. AIL also declined because the amount of administrative work entailed would not justify the small amount of reimbursement DCAB could provide. Francine Wai added that perhaps having staff go out into the field to

upload photos of stalls would be the easiest thing to do. DCAB has budgeted \$10,000 to support this effort in the current fiscal year.

Bryant Yabui commented that it is clear the work product that would result does not justify the amount of administrative work required to hire an official liaison. He still supports approaching service clubs such as the Lions Club and public high school clubs to see if they would be interested in helping to populate the app. He said we need uploaded pictures of accessible parking stalls located at major retail centers as well as at smaller businesses. Violet Horvath added that Google Earth is detailed enough to allow staff to identify areas where there are accessible parking stalls.

Pauline Aughe commented that she thinks people with a vested interest in accessible parking are the most likely to participate, whereas high school students would likely need some sort of incentive. She suggested that the rest of the fiscal year should be used to network and seek to ascertain the interest level of various groups. Summer Kozai suggested approaching major businesses such as Longs Drugs to see if they would be willing to upload photos of their accessible stalls. Francine Wai replied that they may be reluctant because their stalls may not be compliant and they would not want to bring such noncompliance to DCAB's attention. Bryan Mick observed that it might not hurt to ask large businesses to participate, knowing that some will decline. He suggested that perhaps the Chamber of Commerce could assist with such a request.

Pauline Aughe said that if older people are asked to participate, they may need help when it comes to downloading and using the app. Bryant Yabui replied that tech savviness is one of the advantages of using high school kids, who would require no training. Violet Horvath supports DCAB pursuing all avenues that had been discussed. DCAB will continue to investigate using an all-volunteer model where different community groups can contribute.

B. 2019 Legislation - Update

Bryan Mick circulated copies of the parking bill that will be submitted as part of the Administration's legislative package. This is a combination of last year's bills along with some additional language. The bill has four main features: (1) makes buying or selling a parking permit illegal; (2) clarifies that law enforcement are authorized to confiscate any placard that is fraudulently manufactured, altered, voided, expired, used improperly, bought, or sold; (3) repeals the parking meter fee exemptions but offers a special permit that will exempt payment for permittees who have driver's licenses and cannot reach or operate a meter because of a physical disability; and (4) rewords the eligibility criteria so that the certifying physician or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) must identify an applicant's basic condition and its functional impact.

Bryant Yabui asked whether the counties will support the bill, noting that they should because it will benefit them financially. Bryan Mick replied that the City and County of Honolulu was very supportive last session. He added that

they also have an interest in the amount of fraud and abuse that would be reduced, because they handle the bulk of the enforcement. Francine Wai mentioned that the opposition to the bill last session came primarily from one person and his associates. One of their contentions was that because accessible stalls do not have meters, permittees should not have to pay when they park in a non-accessible metered stall. Of course, if this bill passes we may see meters on accessible stalls, so this is a sort of circular argument. Bryant Yabui suggested that Committee members meet with Representative John Mizuno to help him understand that people with disabilities want to be treated the same as everyone else, except when their disability prevents them from being able to do something. Providing free parking to those that do not actually need it to park goes against that philosophy. Violet Horvath commented that meters are getting easier to use, with multiple ways to pay, so perhaps at some point the meter fee exemption should be removed completely. Francine Wai replied while that is possible, it will be many years before all four counties and the State have replaced their current meters with the improved meters.

Bryant Yabui asked whether the DCAB database could produce the number of permittees who use wheelchairs. Bryan Mick replied that it can, although the number indicated may actually be higher because a certifying physician or APRN may have neglected to check wheelchair user if an applicant has multiple conditions. That said, the database should provide a reliable estimate.

Bryant Yabui mentioned that when persons with a disability renew their driver's license, it is a much more detailed application and review process. He speculated on whether indicating on a driver's license that the licensee has a disabled parking permit would deter those applicants who are borderline from applying for a parking permit.

C. Placard Renewal Statistics – Update

Bryan Mick reported that during the second quarter of fiscal year 2019, 7,378 placards and 358 special license plates were issued; 1,841 were temporary and 5,537 were long term placards. Of the long term placards, 2,554 were renewals. The renewal rate was 66%.

D. Death Records Crossmatch – Update

Bryan Mick reported that DCAB mailed 7,564 death retrieval letters to date. The statistics are as follows: 1,478 (20%) were letters undeliverable, 524 (7%) responses were without a placard (lost or thrown out), 3,067 (41%) did not respond, and 2,495 (33%) placards were returned. When DCAB did the crossmatch on an annual basis in the past, the return rate was 40%. Therefore, the recent return rate is consistent with the past rate. DCAB will conduct another crossmatch this quarter.

E. Public Education Efforts

TheBus PSA

Bryan Mick reported that the public service announcement (PSA) cards warning against illegal use of accessible parking stalls were installed on the City and County of Honolulu's buses in December 2018 and will run until the end of January 2019. DCAB will pick them up after they are uninstalled for possible reuse at a later date.

F. Amending Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 219, Parking for Persons with Disabilities.

Bryan Mick distributed proposed amendments to the parking administrative rules. If the parking committee approves the proposed amendments, the full board can consider them at a future meeting. There are four areas in need of revision: (1) add the phrase "or a commissioned medical officer in the United States armed forces" to the definitions to reflect language in the authorizing statute; (2) amend the list of conditions that do not qualify for parking permits to reflect current terminology; (3) exempt stalls at workplaces that have been assigned to an employee from the accessible stall signage requirements, similar to the existing exemption for residential facilities; and (4) correct a grammatical by deleting the word "not" in the first paragraph of section 11-219-14. The Committee approved the proposed amendments to the parking administrative rules. (M/S/P Aughe/Yabui).

IV. New Business

A. Public Concern – Lack of expectations for parking in access aisles

Bryan Mick reported that DCAB received two calls from people who believe there should be exceptions to the law against parking in access aisles. One exception would be for a situation where a vehicle on the other side of the access aisle parks on the access aisle line, forcing the vehicle in the accessible stall to park slightly into the access aisle to allow the permittee to exit the vehicle. The other exception would be for a situation where an oversized vehicle is parked diagonally to prevent sticking out into a lane of traffic. In both situations, the access aisle was only serving a single accessible stall, so the drivers believed they were not intruding upon anyone else's ability to use the access aisle. However, the access aisles also serve as an accessible path of travel for people not parked in the accessible stall. The Committee members did not support proposing that any exceptions to the law.

V. Open Forum

There were no issues raised.

VI. Next Meeting

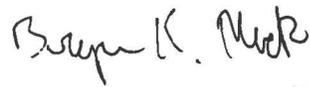
The next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2019.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:55 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan K. Mick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "M".

BRYAN K. MICK