AGENDA

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: Disability and Communication Access Board
1010 Richards Street, Conference Room 111A

Date: May 16, 2019
Time: 9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the March 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

III. Old Business

A. Public Education
   a. Parking Liaisons – Update

B. 2019 Legislation – Update
   a. Parking Meter, Confiscation, Eligibility Criteria Bill

C. Placard Renewal Statistics – Update

D. Death Records Crossmatch – Update

E. Administrative Rules Amendments

IV. New Business

A. Memorandum of Agreement Extensions

B. Plan of Action Fiscal Year 2019-2020

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

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: Disability and Communication Access Board
1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Date: May 16, 2019
Time: 9:38 a.m.

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

GUEST: Puanani McBride

I. Chairperson Pauline Aughe called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

II. The Committee approved the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting (M/S/P
Horvath/Kozai).

III. Old Business

A. Public Education

Parking Liaisons – Update

Bryan Mick reported that an Oahu based gentleman will serve as a
parking liaison and a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be executed
with him soon so that fiscal year 2019 funds could be encumbered. He
will populate the parking app with photos and descriptions of accessible
parking spaces. Pauline Aughe said she felt this was not equitable for the
neighbor islands and preferred the plan presented at the last Committee
meeting, which was to produce an instructional video and send it to
various community groups statewide. Bryant Yabui agree and reiterated
his belief that Department of Education students should be utilized. He
also asked how the liability concerns were addressed in this MOA. Bryan
Mick replied that the discussion among staff was that it seemed unfair to
do the video and ask for volunteers and we are simultaneously paying
someone to do the same thing. Pauline Aughe replied that the app is for
the benefit of the users, so she does not think having a paid contractor will
be much of a deterrent. Francine Wai explained that the individual
selected has his own company, so that relieves DCAB from the liability of
conducting background checks or providing liability insurance. She added
that the video instruction could still be pursued, though it might be hard to
encumber this year's money in time. Violet Horvath suggested that if DCAB does not have a video vendor in place, Olelo TV could be approached.

Bryan Mick also commented that staff is still working on getting the app updated to work with Android software. Bryant Yabui asked if there were any surveys or statistics regarding how many people would use the app once it contained more photos in it. Bryan Mick replied there currently was not, but whatever the percentage of permittees who would use the app would presumably grow over time since people are growing up using smartphones and apps. Bryant Yabui added that before any publicizing of the app is done, it is vital that it is working properly.

B. 2019 Legislation – Update

Bryan Mick reported that Senate Bill 1236 was amended to use the language that DCAB preferred out of its two final versions, and that it is now on the Governor’s desk awaiting his signature. This bill would do several things that are aimed to reduce abuse of parking permits, such as limiting the privilege of nonpayment of parking meter fees to only licensed drivers who cannot reach or operate a meter or pay station because of a physical disability, clarifying the ability of law enforcement to confiscate placards, and rewording the definition of "person with a disability" to make sure physicians and advanced practiced registered nurses (APRN) are properly certifying applicants.

Bryant Yabui asked if a signing ceremony had been requested. Francine Wai explained that because the Parking Committee members did not seem to have a high desire to attend such a ceremony, and the expectation for these events is that they will include various stakeholders, staff did not make the request.

C. Placard Renewal Statistics

Bryan Mick reported that during the third quarter of fiscal year 2019, 7,580 placards and 457 special license plates were issued. Of the placards, 1,819 were temporary and 5,759 were long term. Of the long-term placards, 2,616 were renewals issued by DCAB. The renewal rate was 61 percent.

D. Death Records Crossmatch – Update

Bryan Mick reported that DCAB performed a cross check with the Department of Health Vital Records Branch, and that 2,496 letters were sent to the estates of deceased permittees. As of this Monday, 979 (39%) were returned, 113 (4.5%) were reported as lost or disposed of by the family, and 355 (14%) were returned by the post office as undeliverable. These rates compare favorably to the 2018 effort where 35 percent of the
placards were returned, 7 percent were reported as lost or disposed of, and 20 percent were returned as undeliverable.

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

Bryan Mick reported that in addition to the proposed amendments discussed at the prior meeting, staff has identified several other places in the rules that must be amended to conform the rules to the changes to the parking statute made by Senate Bill 1236, which the Governor will likely sign into law. The Committee will have to go over the rules in detail at a later meeting and ask the full Board to approve them to seek the Governor's approval to hold a public hearing.

Francine Wai commented that one of the more important amendments concerns the eligibility criteria for the new disabled paid parking exemption permit. Staff is recommending language that is very close to that of two of the four other states with similar restrictions on who receives meter fee exempt parking permits. For instance, it is possible that someone will be issued a paid parking exemption permit with a driver's license that expires before the permit coes, which means if they fail to renew the driver's license, they now have free parking even when not driving themselves. Bryan Mick pointed out that in that scenario, the person will be unable to renew the paid parking exemption and will instead have to apply for a temporary or long term regular placard. Bryant Yabui asked if parking enforcement will be citing people who use the paid parking exemption permits when not the driver of a vehicle. Francine Wai replied that they will not, as enforcement personnel attempt to hit as many stalls as possible in their work day and do not stand around observing who is a driver or a passenger as vehicles park. Bryan Mick added that the requirement in the statute is to have a valid driver's license at the time the paid parking exemption permit is issued, not that it can only be used when the permittee is the driver and has no passengers. The idea is if you lack a driver's license, DCAB knows that you will never be the driver, so those people are ineligible. Bryant Yabui commented he did not realize this is how the law was written, and he fears most or all the current permittees will qualify for the paid parking exemption permits. Francine Wai said that would not be the case because even after we eliminate the permittees who lack a driver's license, the remaining permittees have to go through a second certification by a physician or APRN with narrow criteria as to their inability to reach or operate a meter. While some of the paid parking exemption permittees will end up using the permit in a way that is not in harmony with its purpose, right now 100 percent of the permittees have that option. Based on other states data, DCAB only expects between three and six percent of the current permittees to qualify for the paid parking exemption permit, so the abuse of the nonpayment of parking meter fees privilege will be greatly reduced.
Bryant Yabui commented that DCAB should convert into a system where the paid parking exemption permit applications can be submitted online. Physicians and APRNs could be required to set up an account and login. This could even be expanded to the issuance of the other permits. Francine Wai replied that depending on which permits were eligible for online application, it would conflict with the practice of people appearing in person the first time they apply. Another concern is that the DCAB permittee database is behind a firewall, and DCAB would not want physicians and APRNs having access. So, an online application system would have to be separate from that database. A quote was generated a few years ago for an online application system, and it came in at $500,000. Bryant Yabui voiced his support for asking the Legislature to make such an appropriation and observed the price of technology changes quickly.

IV. Open Forum

There were no issues raised.

V. Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2019, at 3:00 pm. This will be exclusively to review the administrative rules and the Plan of Action.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 11:08 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

BRYAN K. MICK