



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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AGENDA

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: Virtual Location Via Zoom

Date: January 12, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m.

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the November 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- III. Old Business
 - A. Placard Renewal Statistics – Update
 - B. Death Records Crossmatch – Update
 - C. Public Education Efforts
 - Survey of Permittees
 - Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse
 - D. Amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 219 “Parking for Persons with Disabilities” – Update
 - Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permit (DPPEP)
 - Application Form
 - E. Proposed State Legislation - Motor Vehicle Registration Dollar Bill – Update
- IV. New Business
 - A. Meeting with State and County Parking Enforcement Agencies
 - B. Memorandums of Agreement with County Issuing Agencies (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023)
- 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: Summer Kozai, Chairperson; Pauline Aughe, Violet Horvath, Gerald Ohta, Committee Members; Bryan Mick, Sue Radcliffe, Kamaile Hopfe, Staff

- I. Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
- II. The Committee approved the minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting (M/S/P Ohta/Horvath).
- III. Old Business

A. Placard Renewal Statistics

Bryan Mick reported for the second quarter of fiscal year 2020-2021, 4,719 placards and 235 license plates were issued. The long term placard renewal rate was seventy-three percent. Governor Ige's COVID-19 related suspension of placard expiration dates will remain in effect until February 14, 2021.

A copy of the second quarter Parking Data Analysis Report generated by the DCAB database was provided to Committee members for their review.

B. Death Records Crossmatch – Update

Bryan Mick reported that the Department of Health's Vital Records Branch crosschecked their database with DCAB's and flagged deceased permittees with active parking permits. Staff prepared 5,500 letters which were sent to the deceased permittees' estates in November 2020 to request the return of the parking permits. One thousand nine hundred six permits were returned to DCAB and 737 letters were undeliverable. The estates reported to DCAB that 286 permits were lost or had been discarded.

C. Public Education Efforts

Survey of Permittees

Bryan Mick reported that he initially used Constant Contact, which had some issues interfacing with certain email providers, and therefore decided to use his own work account to email the link to the survey on the availability of accessible parking spaces. Surveys will be sent to all permittees in the DCAB database with email addresses on file. He will continue to send daily blasts until all 18,000

permittees have been emailed. The survey was also shared with community disability partners to help publicize the option of submitting a paper survey. About forty people have submitted paper surveys so far.

The Committee members reviewed the data and comments collected from the first 1,200 responses. The initial review of the survey responses on finding and using accessible parking spaces led to a discussion on using the responses to create an education effort for the public and the permittees. Violet Horvath suggested breaking the results down by county and age groups. She also suggested DCAB use the responses in a press release to inform the public what qualifies an applicant for a permit and how important the accessible parking spaces are for placard holders. Pauline Aughe mentioned that the permittees need to be reminded that the van accessible spaces should be used for vans only.

A discussion occurred about how many van accessible spaces currently are required and if this should be adjusted at the State level. The current requirement is one out of six accessible spaces must be van accessible. Bryan Mick suggested the State mandate a lower ratio. Pauline Aughe suggested the van accessible spaces be colored differently and be reserved exclusively for vans with disability parking permits.

Violet Horvath suggested the final results of the survey be shared with "Big Box Stores." Bryan Mick said the results will be shared with the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and the Chamber of Commerce.

Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse

Bryan Mick reported the webpage was activated and to date there have been no submissions. The website was mentioned in an article in the Honolulu Star - Advertiser. Gerald Ohta suggested sharing the web link with DCAB's parking community partners.

D. Amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 219, "Parking for Persons with Disabilities" - Update

The draft rules were sent to the Governor for his approval to hold public hearings.

Disability Paid Parking Exemption Permit (DPPEP)

DCAB is using the formal procurement process to purchase the green colored placards because the informal process used to purchase blue and red (long term and temporary) placards within the past twelve months is not an option.

Application Form

The Committee members reviewed the 2021 version of the application form which includes all three types of parking permits: temporary, long term, and DPPEP. This form also includes updated eligibility criteria for any parking permit where the physician or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) must indicate both the diagnostic condition and its functional impact. This two-step process will hopefully prevent applicants with non-qualifying disabilities being issued a parking permit. An example is currently if someone has a stroke, the physician or APRN may simply check off neurological condition. The new form

would require them to also indicate that as a result of the condition the applicant cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest or they must use a mobility aid to walk.

E. Proposed State Legislation - Motor Vehicle Registration Dollar Bill – Update

Bryan Mick reminded the Committee members that the effort to secure a dedicated funding source for the parking program was approved by the full Board and is in the Plan of Action for 2020-2021. This would add one dollar to annual vehicle registrations and the funds generated would be deposited into the DCAB special fund for purposes of funding the parking program. Annually, just over one million dollars would be generated while the parking program currently costs about \$800,000. DCAB expects that a requirement will be added to the bill that requires excess funds above a certain level to be returned to either the general fund or the highway fund.

The bill may be included in Governor Ige’s 2021 bill package sent to the State Legislature. If the bill is not included in the package, the bill will be introduced by a member of the House of Representatives and by a Senator.

IV. New Business

A. Meeting with State and County Parking Enforcement Agencies

A virtual meeting will be held with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Department of Accounting and General Services, and County Police Department representatives on January 15, 2021 to discuss the new DPPEP, volunteer special enforcement officer programs, clarification on jurisdictions, electric vehicle and accessible parking spaces and veteran’s license plates. Violet Horvath suggested meeting twice a year with these enforcement agencies.

B. Memorandums of Agreement with County Issuing Agencies (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023)

The Memorandums of Agreement to issue parking permits are signed every two years by the counties and DCAB. The 2021 - 2023 MOAs were mailed out to the counties during the second week of January.

V. Open Forum

Violet Horvath suggested DCAB create a survey on COVID-19’s impact on services for the disabled.

Bryan Mick was recently contacted by the staff of an elected Hawaii State Representative about parking enforcement issues and possible legislation.

VI. Next Parking Committee Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

Romala Sue Radcliffe

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