



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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MINUTES

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: Virtual Location Via Zoom

Date: July 8, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Summer Kozai, Chairperson; Pauline Aughe, Violet Horvath, Gerald Ohta; Board Members; Bryan Mick, Romala Sue Radcliffe, Kamaile Hopfe, Staff

- I. Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
- II. The Committee approved the May 13, 2021, meeting minutes (M/S/P Horvath/Ohta).
- III. Old Business

- A. Placard Renewal Statistics

Bryan Mick reported that 5,743 long term placards and 237 license plates were issued during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2020-2021. DCAB issued 1,421 long term placard renewals. The long term placard renewal rate was seventy one percent. This fiscal year's total number of renewals is lower than prior years due to COVID-19 repercussions and the effect of switching the validity period of long term placards from four years to six years back in 2010.

- B. Death Records Crossmatch

Of the 5,500 letters which were sent in November 2020 to the estates of deceased permittees requesting the return of the parking permits; 34% of the permits were returned to DCAB, and 13% of the letters were undeliverable. The estates of deceased permittees reported to DCAB that 5% of the permits were lost or had been discarded.

In August 2021, DCAB will conduct the annual crossmatch process with the Department of Health's Vital Records Division to identify the permittees .who are deceased with the goal of removing them as current permittees in the database.

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

The draft rules were signed by Governor Ige on June 15, 2021 and became effective on June 25, 2021.

Disability Paid Parking Exemption Permit (DPPEP)

The green colored DPPEPs were purchased through a formal procurement process and the shipment of the first box of DPPEPs was expedited to allow issuing to begin on July 1, 2021.

Application Form

Fifteen thousand (15,000) application forms were sent to the counties. The new form, PA-3 includes all three types of parking permits: temporary, long term and the DPPEP. This form includes updated eligibility criteria for all parking permits. 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 from being certified for a parking permit. The DPPEP section of the form requires a second signature by a physician or APRN that certifies the applicant is unable to reach or operate a meter or unattended pay station due to a disability. A revised instruction sheet is available. Older forms will still be accepted for temporary and long term placards.

D. Public Education Efforts

Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permit (DPPEP) Outreach Efforts

A press release was issued to the media on the new DPPEP and information to the public was disseminated through a Kokua Line column (Honolulu Star Advertiser), neighbor island newspaper articles, the three television networks. Kirby Shaw was interviewed by KHON-TV and by Action Line.

DCAB staff notified the roughly 20 000 permittees who provided their email address.

An email was forwarded to physicians and APRNs explaining the new DPPEP process. The hospital and provider's network, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii published the DCAB press release in their newsletter. The Healthcare Association of Hawaii's 170 member organizations include the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, public and private skilled nursing facilities, the Medicare-certified home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities, durable medical equipment suppliers and home infusion/pharmacies, case management, air and ground

ambulance, blood bank, and dialysis. Letters were also sent to private parking lot/garage owners informing them of the new law.

To inform the public of the new law and placard, several hundred warning flyers were placed by staff on cars using permits while parked at parking meters.

DCAB contacted the state and county enforcement agencies to request that warnings be issued instead of citations through August 15, 2021.

Board member Pauline Aughe suggested that the press release be sent to the Office of Aging, Aloha Independent Hawaii, Legal Aid Society and Vocational Rehabilitation.

Bryan Mick hopes to attend upcoming Honolulu City and County Neighborhood Board Meetings for neighborhoods that have the many street parking meters to inform them of the new DPPEP placard.

Chairperson Summer Kozai suggested that a sticker be created to be used by those with a DPPEP and with disabled person license plates on their vehicles. Bryan Mick has reviewed the sticker concept and said although the four other states that have DPPEPs do not have a sticker; the concept could be added to the DCAB Annual Plan of Action.

Survey of Permittees

The 2021 survey responses that document that finding an available accessible parking space is difficult at Hawaii's shopping centers and malls, big box stores, and airports will be shared with the members of the Legislature. By securing community-wide support for more accessible stalls, an effort to create a bill requiring additional accessible stalls could be introduced for the 2022 legislative session.

Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Parking Spaces

Similar to the webpage to report placard abuse, DCAB has created a draft webpage for people to report non-compliant accessible parking spaces. It notes that DCAB is not an enforcement agency and lists the contact information for agencies that do have jurisdiction depending on what type of facility the spaces are located in. Board member Gerald Ohta suggested adding in a visual to the form such as an example of a sloping accessible parking ramp. He added that accessible parking spaces at state or local government facilities might fall under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

V. Open Forum

No matters were raised.

VI. Next Parking Committee Meeting

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

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Romala Sue Radcliffe".

ROMALA SUE RADCLIFFE