



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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DRAFT MINUTES

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: In-Person Location
Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Rm. 118
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Location: Virtual Location Via Zoom

Date: May 12, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Summer Kozai, Chairperson; Violet Horvath, Gerald Ohta, Board Members;
Bryan Mick, Kristine Pagano, Romala Sue Radcliffe, Staff

ABSENT: Pauline Aughe, Charlotte Townsend, Board Members

SIGN LANGUAGE

INTERPRETER: Keri Lee

- I. Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- II. Board members, staff and sign language interpreter introduced themselves.
- III. Chairperson Summer Kozai reported that no testimonies were submitted.
- IV. The Committee approved the March 10, 2022, meeting minutes (M/S/P Horvath/Ohta).
- V. Old Business
 - A. Parking Placard Issuance Statistics

Bryan Mick reported that in the third quarter of fiscal year 2022, approximately five thousand two hundred (5,200) placards were issued. Two hundred eighteen (218) special license plates were reauthorized or issued. Of the placards, one thousand six hundred (1,600) were temporary. Three thousand six hundred (3,600) were long term, and forty six (46) were Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits (DPPEP).

Of the long-term placards, approximately one thousand one hundred (1,100) were issued by DCAB. The placard renewal rate was fifty-eight percent (58%).

B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations

This quarter, DCAB emailed two hundred and ninety nine (299) permittees to notify them of their pending placard expirations.

C. Procurement of Parking Placards and Decals

Staff has started the procurement process for purchasing decals and placards. One hundred five thousand (105,000) month and year decals, thirteen thousand (13,000) temporary placards and seventeen thousand (17,000) long term placards will be purchased.

D. Death Records Crossmatch and Parking Permit Retrieval

Death retrieval letters and postage paid return envelopes were mailed to approximately three thousand two hundred (3,200) estates. Forty-six percent (46%) of the requested placards were returned to DCAB to be destroyed. Five percent (5%) of the estates informed DCAB that the placard was lost or destroyed, and ten percent (10%) of the letters were returned to DCAB as undeliverable.

The annual crosscheck of names of the deceased permittees from the Department of Health's Vital Records will be done during the first quarter of fiscal year 2023.

E. Public Education Efforts

Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse

During the third quarter of fiscal year 2022, two (2) inquiries were submitted through the webpage to report abuse of a disability parking permit.

Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Spaces

No submissions were made to the webpage. Improvement to the webpage will be made to gather more details about the accessible parking space and location of accessible parking space.

F. Legislation

House Bill 1448 Related to Traffic Fines did not pass this legislative session.

Staff reported on the following two (2) bills that DCAB provided testimony in support and waiting for Governor Ige's signature.

House Bill 1575 Relating to Physician Assistants will expand the scope of practice for a physician assistant (PA) to issue a certificate of disability to a person who has a disability, limited or impaired in the ability to walk or has a condition that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The bill allows a PA to sign a certification of disability on a disability parking permit application form. Modifications will need to be made to the disability parking permit application and the administrative rules.

Senate Bill 3121 will create an accessible parking special fund within DCAB. Increases the state motor vehicle registration fee by \$1, to be deposited into the accessible parking special account. Requires all costs associated with the statewide parking program for persons with disabilities to be appropriated from the accessible parking special account beginning July 1, 2023.

Chairperson Summer Kozai recessed the meeting at 9:27 a.m. and announced it would reconvene on May 13, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. The Zoom link will be posted on the DCAB website.

Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Charlotte Townsend, Board Member

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INTEPRETER: Erika Perry

V. Old Business

G. User Guide Distribution to First Time Applicants by Counties

To enhance permittees' awareness of the limited amount of van accessible parking spaces, DCAB has given copies of the Parking for Persons with Disabilities Users Guide to the Counties to provide to all new permittees. The Guide says, unless you drive a van "do not occupy the van space."

Agenda item was taken out of order

VI. New Business

A. Review and Amend Draft Plan of Action FY 22 – Parking

Committee members reviewed the suggested additions to the Plan of Action, Parking goals and objectives. The Committee proposed four (4) new objectives:

1. Develop and maintain methods for members of the public to report locations with accessible parking spaces that are non-compliant with design regulations. (Priority 3)
2. Staff will provide information to parking lot owners on the Federal and State design regulations when a report of a non-compliant accessible parking space is received. (Priority 3)
3. Explore possible legislation to reserve van accessible spaces for use by permittees who use a wheelchair or scooter and/or use a vehicle with a side mounted lift or ramp. (Priority 2)
4. Provide public education efforts aimed at consumers, operators of parking facilities and the public on the importance of keeping van accessible

spaces available for vehicles with side mounted lifts or ramps whenever possible. (Priority 1)

The Committee approved the four (4) new objectives for the Plan of Action FY 2022-2023 – Parking (M/S/P Horvath/Ohta).

V. Old Business

G. Public Education Options

A public education “Park with Aloha” concept was discussed. DCAB has access to twenty thousand (20,000) current permittees email addresses. DCAB could conduct another interactive survey with the permittees and create a public service announcement (PSA) campaign using various types of media to educate the permittees and the public about the use of van accessible spaces for permittees who use a wheelchair or scooter and/or use a vehicle with a side mounted lift or ramp.

Due to the meeting time limitations, these items were tabled and will be placed on the next meeting agenda

V. Old Business

G. Administrative Rules Option

Requires updates on signage for van accessible spaces, requires van accessible space to be located farthest from the entrance with the exception of spaces that share an eight foot wide access aisle.

Hawaii Revised Statues Options

Wheelchair user placard with restrictions on the use of van accessible spaces, wheelchair user placard with self-certification of ramp or lift equipped vehicle (RLEV), restrictions on the use of van accessible spaces, restriction on use of van accessible spaces based on vehicle having a ramp or lift, requiring more accessible spaces or van accessible spaces than required under Federal Law.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion of Plastic Parking Placards and Possible Alternatives to Reduce DCAB’s Plastic Waste Stream

VII. Open Forum

No discussion.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 26, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROMALA SUE RADCLIFFE