



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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MINUTES

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: Virtual via Zoom and 1010 Richards Street, Room 118

Date: November 9, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Violet Horvath, Summer Kozai, Charlotte Townsend, Board Members; Bryan Mick, Romala Sue Radcliffe; Staff; Genesis Leong; Guest

ABSENT: Gerald Ohta

- I. Chairperson Kozai called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
- II. Chairperson Kozai reported no written public testimony was submitted.
- III. The Committee approved the September 14, 2023, meeting minutes (M/S/P Horvath/Townsend).

IV. Old Business

A. Parking Placard Issuance Statistics

Bryan Mick reported that in the first quarter of fiscal year 2023-2024, around seven thousand eight hundred (7,800,) placards were issued. Four hundred (400) special license plates were reauthorized or issued. Of the placards, about two thousand (2,000) were temporary and five thousand seven hundred (5,700) were long term. DCAB issued two thousand five hundred (2,500) long term placards and twenty-five (25) Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits (DPPEP). The placard renewal rate was sixty four percent (64%).

B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations

For the first quarter of fiscal year 2023-2024, DCAB emailed one thousand and ninety-six (1,096) permittees to notify them of their pending permit expirations. DCAB has 38,000 permittees email addresses.

C. Procurement of Parking Placards and Decals

DCAB selected a vendor for long term and temporary placards.

D. Death Records Crossmatch and Parking Permit Retrieval

The annual crosscheck with Department of Health (DOH) Vital Records was conducted. The death retrieval letters will be sent out during quarter three.

E. Public Education Efforts

Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse

Thirteen (13) inquiries were submitted through the webpage to report abuse of a disability parking permit. Many are for vehicles parked in a reserved accessible space without displaying a disability parking permit, which is not something DCAB can follow up on since DCAB does not have access to the motor vehicle database.

Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Spaces

Two (2) submissions were made to the webpage on a non-design compliant parking space.

F. Van Accessible Spaces

Voluntary Informational Sign for Van Accessible Spaces at Places of Public Accommodation

The letter that was sent by DCAB to places of public accommodation which included the artwork and information regarding the voluntary priority sign for accessible spaces garnered about fifteen phone calls and emails. A press release about the sign will be issued. If DCAB's parking budget can pay for a signs production and mailing/delivery fees the Committee suggested that DCAB provide the signs upon request.

Request State and Local Governments to Increase the Number of Accessible and or van Accessible Parking Spaces at Their Facilities

DCAB has not received any responses from their request to local and state government officials about providing additional accessible parking spaces that exceed the ADA minimum at Hawaii State and County parking facilities.

Draft of Letter Requesting Private Entities with Parking Facilities to Consider Providing Accessible Parking Spaces that Exceeds the Minimum Number

DCAB staff mailed the letter requesting additional accessible parking spaces to almost 400 parking lot owners/management companies. Fifteen lot owners/management companies contacted DCAB for clarification. DCAB will continue to seek ways to create additional accessible parking spaces.

V. New Business

A. Draft Legislation

Travel Placard

Staff explained this bill would allow someone with an existing parking permit to obtain a second placard that would expire the last day of the month following their return travel date. If the number of applications is a few dozen a month, DCAB should be able to process them in a timely manner. DCAB could establish a way that permittees could request the travel placard electronically.

Combination Bill that Includes Suspension of Driver's License for Using a Deceased Permittee's Parking Permit, Remittance of Fines Imposed from Citations to Agencies that Issued the Citations and Authorizing Counties to Enforce Accessible Parking Space Design Requirements at Places of Public Accommodation

Staff explained this will empower the county examiner of drivers to suspend or revoke a driver's license of anyone cited for using a deceased permittee's placard to obtain parking privileges. This will require amending the parking statute so that using a placard issued to a deceased person is a separate violation from other types of illegal use.

The remittance of fines imposed from citations to the agencies that issued the citations would direct 50% of the fine to the agency and hopefully result in increased levels of enforcement.

The authorization of counties to enforce accessible parking space design requirements at places of public accommodation would provide a local mechanism when people observe non-compliant accessible parking spaces. This is similar to the approach the Legislature took to the provision of electric vehicle charging spaces in lots with 100 or more total parking spaces. Last session a similar bill made it to all the way to conference committee but did not receive FIN release by the final day of the session.

IV. Open Forum

Bryan Mick mentioned he had received an inquiry from a motorcycle owner wanting multiple DP motorcycle license plates as the placard is of no use. The committee discussed the issue and declined to recommend that a bill be put forth to change the number of plates a permittee may be issued.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

ROMALA SUE RADCLIFFE