

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

Minutes

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402

Friday, June 10, 2022

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.
Commissioners Present	Krystal Monteros, Luke Byram, Todd Holloway, Rebecca Parsons, Lukas Barfield, Kristy Willett, Amin, Tony Hester and James Williams
Commissioners Absent	Tony Caldwell, Richard Smaby and Aimee Sidhu
City Staff Present	Lucas Smiraldo (OEHR), Gail Himes, Public Works, Eric Huseby, Public Works, Parking Division
Guests Present	Haley Edick, and Ivan Tudela
Adoption of Agenda	A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Holloway to accept this meeting's COD agenda. The motion was passed.
Acceptance of Minutes	The May minutes were presented with previous corrections supplied by Commissioner Smaby by email. A motion to approve was made by Williams and seconded by Holloway. The motion passed.
Public Comment	Hayley Edick indicated that audio signals are inconsistent at nearby intersections in portions of the city. Gail Himes comments that some signals are dictated by distance from each other and also invited follow up on specific intersections and concerns.
<i>Presentation: Downtown Parking Update—Eric Huseby, Public Wrks</i>	<p>Parking carries out four main functions: 1) General Parking, 2) Licensing 3) Life Safety, 4) ADA Enforcement. Some of these functions has reduced staffing during the height of COV ID but are now being reintroduced.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Parking will dedicate 1 FTE to ADA enforcement in the next six months.2. Looking at ADA inventory of spaces and looking to add to those spaces in downtown area.3. Will form a work group to create comprehensive ADA plan for parking and make recommendations to the City Manager.4. Group will begin intensive schedule of 7-9 meetings this summer with recommendations to come by Mid November.5. Will look at peer cities best practices..6. Anticipate changes would be implemented in 2023. <p>Williams: Noticed people without placards are occupying ADA spots. Could we generate leaflets to place on cars?</p> <p>Huseby: We can work with media to create these flyers. People can also complain directly about an ADA violation and if this is called in under category of "parking" it can directly to parking staff handhelds for immediate action.</p> <p>Williams: Always happy to see zebra stripe zones because it prevents people in wheelchairs having to enter a vehicle in an unprotected zone on the street.</p>

**Reports
Chair
and Vice Chair**

Chair Monteros: 1) Vision Zero public meeting scheduled for June 18th at 1:30 PM at the Star Center. Representative Strickland will be there and Councilmember Walker as well. 2) Met with Rachelle from alternative transportation organization about partnering with TACOD. 3) Councilmember Walker forwarded about a law enforcement accommodation for disability training. Will forward to commissioners.

No report from Commissioner Byram

Liaison Report

Accessible Taxi and Feasibility Study.

After review, staff will be enhancing and adding to the data offered by the consultant including meetings various elements that require greater research, detail an evidence.

CBC Equity Analyst

Four finalists to be interviewed on June 21st with follow up interview by Lisa Woods. Anticipate hiring by mid to late July.

Upcoming Events

Juneteenth Celebration on Wednesday, June 15th at Tollefson Plaza at Noon.

City of Destiny Awards on June 15th at 5 PM at Pantages

Postponed celebration of ADA upgrades at intersection of S. 64th and Pacific to be scheduled for September.

Hybrid Meeting Transition Plan

Liaison will explore new meeting site at Pierce County Elections and will tour facility and look at available tech and video access. Ivan Tudela will host.

Comments

Holloway: Commissioners require reasonable accommodation for upcoming meetings.

**Emergency Management
Report**

Holloway: June 22 Table Top Exercise for Cascadia Rising and Simulation to address multiple natural emergency events including eruption, tsunami, earthquake. For first time the event will include disability integration.

Ivan Tudela:

- Online teams and workshops to address those most vulnerable to summer heat waves. Establishing alternative spaces and plans for folks to reach those locations if folks are at risk in their homes.
- Trauma Resilience Simulation scheduled for Saturday, July 30, 2022 with Verna Lilly coordinating. Contact at vlilly@tpchd.org
- Discussed Senior Support Vouchers for fresh produce at farmer's markets.
- Ausha Potts is looking for suggestions to enhance curb cut locations across the county and access ideas related to transit.

Commissioner Reports

Holloway: Focus to create direct link between interstate 167 Expansion Project and I5. Focus groups upcoming.

Monteros: Senator Yazmin Trudeau ready to endorse TACOD recommendations moving forward.

**New Business
Good of the Order**

No new business

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn from Holloway and seconded by Williams. Passed.

The meeting ended at 5:41 p.m.

