

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

Minutes

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402

Friday, July 9, 2021

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.
Commissioners Present	Amin Tony Hester, Lukas Barfield, Luke Byram, Tony Caldwell, Kristy Willet, Richard Smaby, Todd Holloway, Krystal Monteros, Dylan O’Catherine
Commissioners Absent	Aimee Sidhu (excused), James Williams, Rebecca Parson
City Staff Present	Lucas Smiraldo (OEHR), Samantha Kaauamo (OEHR), Eric Jackson (OEHR), Liz Kaster (Public Works Department)
Guests Present	Brandon Cheung (Razor), Julian Wheeler (Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee), Haley Edick, David Edick
Adoption of Agenda	A motion was made by Commissioner O’Catherine and seconded by Commissioner Hester and carried to accept this meeting’s COD agenda.
Acceptance of Minutes	A motion was made by Commissioner Caldwell and seconded by Commissioner Hester and carried to accept the COD meeting minutes of June 2021.
Public Comment	Guest Haley Edick of Pierce County Association of the Blind shares information presented at these meetings to her community. Commissioner Hester is interested and would like more information about meetings. Virtual meetings are held the third Saturday of the month.
<i>1st Guest Presenter</i>	Liz Kaster of City of Tacoma’s Public Works Department (City Staff) Brandon Cheung of Razor (Guest Presenter) bcheung@razorusa.com
<i>1st Guest Presentation</i>	Micro-Mobility, Electric Scooter Access and Safety in Tacoma City procurement process where Razor submitted the winning proposal. Launched in May 2021. Cheung and Kaster shared some background and history of Razor, operation model, detailed physical description of the EcoSmart scooter model, slow zone shaded map area, affordability program, community engagement plan and partnerships, designated parking areas, launch statistics and next steps. Chair Monteros and Commissioners O’Catherine, Hester, Smaby, Byram asked about the “text-to-ride” program, coral locations, ride sharing/double riding on scooters and if the ordinance speak on this, bike lanes, developing scooter warnings for pedestrians, okay for use in city limits, blocked right of ways, rider education, scooter modification, parking location recommendations. Guest D. Edick eye sore considerations.
<i>2nd Guest Presenter</i>	Eric Jackson, OEHR Peace and Reconciliation Specialist Shared background in police work and his role as a community member in these committees. Chair Monteros and Commissioners Caldwell, Hester, Smaby, O’Catherine and Barfield shared comments and questions around unusual behavior training, extending appreciation of work in this area, communicating respectful skepticism, LGBTQ+ communication training, police ride along alternate options, defund the police narrative.

***Reports Chair
and Vice Chair***

Chair Monteros:
No report at this time and will report next month.

Vice Chair Byram:
No report at this time and will report next month.

Liaison

Mr. Smiraldo:
City of Destiny awards debrief and kudos from Commissioners O’Catherine, Hester and Caldwell.

Dr. Eric Jackson will be part of future TACOD and Police Department discussions.

Accessible Taxi feasibility study is gaining movement with Cindi Laws meeting with community members last month. Commissioner Holloway present at the last meeting. She will be present at a future meeting to talk with this group.

Applications for commission openings due August 12th. Interviews are 5 minutes per candidates. Current commissioners will need to reapply if interested in coming back.

Public Works Event moving along with Gail Himes and Commissioner Caldwell. Next Wednesday event rehearsal at site. Event (date TBD) is open to the public. Commissioners Caldwell and Monterros as spokes persons. TACOD involvement to bring awareness of safe mobility for people with disabilities and this group are advocates. And to give thanks to Himes and Public Works Department and Mayor and City Council. Would like to extend a special invitation to family members and commission photo opt.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Holloway asked what the status and future looks like for staff coming back to the office. Smiraldo and Kaauamo shared return to work plans for staff and future commission meetings.

PCAC

Julian Wheeler of the Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee shared next Zoom meeting will take place on July 13th at 9am. Group is looking at future of in-person, remote and hybrid possibilities of meetings, grant discussion.

Good of the Order

No items shared.

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Caldwell and seconded by Commissioner Holloway to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:19 p.m.