

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

Fleet Conference Center, 3639 Pine St, Tacoma, WA 98409

Friday, April 12, 2019

4:00 PM

- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
- Commissioners Present** Luke Byram, Rebecca Parson, Philip Bradford, Todd Holloway, Lori Allison, Anthony Caldwell
- Commissioners Absent** Krystal Monteros, James Williams, Thu-Ha Lee
- City Staff Present** Ann Martin, Thomas Okae-Asare
- Guests Present**
- Halle Bert, Down Town On the Go
 - Sound Transit – Liz Satterwhite, Donna Smith, Austin
 - Robert Wardell, People First
- Adoption of Agenda** The agenda was accepted.
- Acceptance of Minutes** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the COD meeting minutes of March 8, 2019.
- Public Comment** None
- Reports**
- Liaison Report – Thomas Okae-Asare**
- Mr. Okae-Asare gave a report on:
- Closed Caption Campaign – There is a meeting of CVS, May 9, 2019 at TMB 248 to request council submit resolution to support public education of closed captioning campaign in Tacoma.
 - OEHR supported a proclamation last month to support Developmental Disability Awareness Month. The proclamation was received by the Board Chair, Deborah Golder, Pierce County Coalition for Developmental Disabilities.
 - Lucas is hoping to schedule a meeting with Dean Olson and potentially Tash Hansen Day to discuss providing closed captioning at public movies theaters. Our commission might support efforts promoted by WIN (Welcome Inclusion) to address the need.
 - TACOD will shorten its June 14th meeting to 5:30 PM to attend the City of Destiny Awards at the Star Center that same evening
- Presentations**
- Halle Bert with Downtown on the Go gave information on Transportation Advocacy Day at Court House Square, May 6,

2019 from 9 am to 3 pm. This will connect advocates and community members from across Pierce County who are working on issues of livability, affordability, walking, biking, transit, and more.

- Liz Satterwhite, Donna Smith, and Austin gave presentation on Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE), Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension, and Accessibility at Sound Transit

Business

Committee/Chair Report

- Chair Holloway reported progress on accessible transportation/taxi is currently stalled.
- Chair Holloway will provide written report regarding emergency management.
- Commissioner Caldwell is talking with Gale Himes and will provide more information at next month's meeting
- Commissioner Bradford mentioned subminimum wage/slow movement through Congress

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Order/Announcements None.

Agenda Building Items

- *American with disabilities act*
- *DRA*
- *Chief Tory Green*
- *Update on housing situation*
- *Accessible prescriptions – specifically labeling*
- King County Taxi program information/speaker
- Close Captioning
- Inclusive Emergency Planning
- Emergency Mgmt - Red Cross more clearer working closer with City and their responsibilities
- Social Security changes
- Medicare/Medicaid benefits – have an expert come
- Possible Outreach Opportunities in 2019 (Ethnic Fest, Hilltop Street Fair)
- Director from Northwest ADA re: drug prescription labels
- NAMI, meets 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm of every month at TACID
- Get out disability voter registration will be coming up soon.

- Event will be probably held at TACID
- Braille Apps – Helen Keller Center

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Next Commission on Disability Meeting: May 10, 2019