

# Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Star Center, 3873 S. 66<sup>th</sup> St. Tacoma, WA 98409

Friday, October 11, 2019

4:00 PM

- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.
- Commissioners Present** Luke Byram, Todd Holloway, Rebecca Parson, Krystal Monteros, Lori Allison, James Williams, Lukas Barfield, , Richard Smaby, Anthony Caldwell, Dylan O’Catherine
- Commissioners Absent** Sherelle Rogers
- City Staff Present** Ann Martin, Lucas Smiraldo
- Guests Present** • Councilmember Beale, Julian Wheeler
- Adoption of Agenda** The agenda was accepted with addendum/changes to add “New Business” section to agenda.
- Acceptance of Minutes** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the COD meeting minutes of July 12, 2019 and September 13, 2019.
- Public Comment** Julian Wheeler, PCHS
- Meeting on 11/12, 3602 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA
  - Need new members
- New Business** Commissioner Smaby brought up being able to push button near crosswalk by his home using a power chair where he lives.
- Guest Presenter** CM Beale attended meeting.
- Thanked those that attended CVS meeting on closed captioning.
  - CM Ushka initiated the CART request, asked him to co-sign on this.
  - May have ASL translation services at council meetings.
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- Reports**
- Chair—Todd Holloway**  
The Chair reported on:
- Emergency Management (Accessible Taxi report will be assumed by Commissioner Parson)
- Liaison Report – Lucas Smiraldo**
- Mr. Smiraldo reported:
- Adding pronouns on next name cards to express gender identity.

- Closed Caption Campaign— CVS approved draft ordinance and recommended for full City Council consideration. A reading will take place last Tuesday in October and 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in November.
- Tacoma Dome ADA Tour—Commissioners included Monteros, Byram and Holloway.
- CART Services at City Council—Initiated by Councilmember Ushka
- Accessible Taxi—Report to be offered by Commissioner Parson
- TV Tacoma Slot for City of Destiny Awards Promotion and Other TACOD Initiatives such as Universal Closed Captioning

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Commissioner Caldwell reported that he has weekly/monthly conversations with Gail Himes. He will address the buttons at intersections with her. He reported that construction of sidewalks is taking place at S. 56<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Commissioner Monteros reported that it is Mental Health Awareness month and various events are taking place.
- Commissioner Allison reported calling the City of Tacoma IT Department regarding website. They are doing great work and continue to working on it. Commissioner mentioned elevators not working at apartments on 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Commissioner O’Catherine asked about IDEA school on Park Ave accessibility.
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**Good of the Order/Announcements**

None.

**Closing**

#### **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
- Director from Northwest ADA re: drug prescription labels
- NAMI, meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**Next Commission on Disability Meeting: November 8, 2019**