**Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee Meeting Minutes**

 Star Center, 3873 S. 66th St. Tacoma, WA 98409

Friday, November 8, 2019

4:00 PM

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| **Call to Order** | The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. |
| **Commissioners Present** | Luke Byram, Todd Holloway, Rebecca Parson, Krystal Monteros, Lori Allison, Lukas Barfield, , Richard Smaby, Anthony Caldwell, Dylan O’Catherine |
| **Commissioners Absent** | Sherelle Rogers, James Williams |
| **City Staff Present** | Ann Martin, Lucas Smiraldo |
| **Guests Present** | Andy Cherullo, Finance Director, City of Tacoma, Julian Wheeler, PCHS |
| **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 October 11, 2019.  |
| **Public Comment** | Julian Wheeler, PCHS * Meeting on 11/12, 3602 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA; Need new members, new ideas
* The Washington State Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues and Employment, Resource Fair & Public Forum, Dec 11, Orting High School
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| **New Business****Guest Presenter****Reports** | * Commissioner Barfield – Letter/statement on how the city is doing with the homeless population
* Commissioner Williams – How to deal with people with disabilities. Commissioner Monteros sister could work w/TACOD. Commissioner Holloway to send data on disabled population in area.
* Andy Cherullo, Finance Director, City of Tacoma gave perspective on Accessible Taxi Efforts.
* Mell Toy, Asst. Director, NW ADA Center, Prescription Label Accessibility

**Chair—Todd Holloway**The Chair reported on:* 1st Report Training
* Emergency Management (Accessible Taxi report will be assumed by Commissioner Parson)

**Liaison Report – Lucas Smiraldo**Mr. Smiraldo reported:* Pronouns now on name cards to express gender identity.
* IDEA Accessibility Concerns
* Closed Caption Campaign—Due for reading in December now
* CART Services at City Council—Under consideration
* Accessible Taxi—Feasibility study proposal and further action
* TV Tacoma Slot for City of Destiny Awards Promotion and Other TACOD Initiatives such as Universal Closed Captioning

**Committee Reports**:* Accessible Taxi
* Report from IT/Website Meeting – Commissioner Allison reported no updates.
* City Events commission – Commissioner Monteros reported dance on November 16, and movie night on November 20, 2019.
* Public Works – Commissioner Caldwell reported on upgrades at 72nd & Park and 56th & Park
* Employment – No report
* Anti-stigma Campaign
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| **Good of the Order/Announcements** **Closing** | None.**Agenda Building Items*** *American with disabilities act*
* *DRA*
* *Chief Tory Green*
* *Update on housing situation*
* 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
* 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
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| **Adjournment** | There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. |

**Next Commission on Disability Meeting: December 13, 2019**