**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 |
| **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 |
| **Adjournment** | There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. |

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