

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

Friday, November 8, 2019

4:00 PM

- 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**
- 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.
- Guest Presenter**
- Andy Cherullo, Finance Director, City of Tacoma gave perspective on Accessible Taxi Efforts.
 - Mell Toy, Asst. Director, NW ADA Center, Prescription Label Accessibility

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Reports

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

Good of the Order/Announcements

None.

Closing

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