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

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

Friday, December 11, 2019

4:00 PM

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| **Call to Order** | The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. |
| **Commissioners Present** | Luke Byram, Todd Holloway, Rebecca Parson, Krystal Monteros, Lukas Barfield, , Richard Smaby, Anthony Caldwell, Dylan O’Catherine |
| **Commissioners Absent** | Lori Allison, James Williams |
| **City Staff Present** | Ann Martin, Lucas Smiraldo |
| **Guests Present** | Andy Cherullo, Finance Director, City of Tacoma, Julian Wheeler, PCHS |
| **Adoption of Agenda** | A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the COD meeting agenda of November 8, 2019. |
| **Acceptance of Minutes** | A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the COD meeting minutes of November 8, 2019. |
| **Public Comment** | Julian Wheeler, PCHS |
| **New Business**    **Guest Presenter**  **Reports** | * Commissioner initial discussion on addressing people experiencing homelessness. * Malik Gbenro, Legal Counsel, Tacoma Public School District – report on ADA accessibility at IDEA School followed by discussion. Discussion on how they can be more compliant; 504 rights/what to do, how do families know this is available. He discussed that at IDEA they bring classes to students and as the need arises go to other school that can accommodate. Commissioner Barfield asked how they deal with teachers with ADA concerns. Recommended advisory group video. Commissioners O’Catherine, Byram, Caldwell, Monteros to work with Mr. Gbenro.   **Chair—Todd Holloway**  The Chair reported he is in the middle of writing report.  **Liaison Report – Lucas Smiraldo**  Mr. Smiraldo reported:   * Closed Caption Campaign—1st reading - December 10th Council Reading * Accessible Taxi—Feasibility study proposal * TV Tacoma Slot for TACOD-January 16th is open. We will need three commissioners and hoping to involve 1-2. Commissioners who have not appeared in the past along with one who can offer historical context. Commissioners Caldwell, Parson, and Byram will appear. * City of Destiny Nominations (Lucas will help) – Commissioners Parsons, Holloway, Byram and Barfield will work on nominations. * Understanding City of Tacoma’s Efforts to Address Homelessness – Linda Stewart, Director will attend next meeting. * Preparing for January Nominations for Officers   **Committee Reports**:   * Accessible Taxi – no report * Report from IT/Website Meeting – no report * City Events commission - no report * Employment – No report * Anti-stigma Campaign – no report * Commissioner Barfield reported he is now on WA State Liquor & Cannabis Board. |
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| **Good of the Order/Announcements**    **Closing** | Gail Himes expressed interest to visit site on 34th/McKinley. Commissioners Smaby, Holloway, Monteros, Caldwell, Byram would like to attend.  **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 6:00 p.m. |

**Next Commission on Disability Meeting: January 10, 2020**