

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

TACID – 6315 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98407

March 9, 2017

4:00 PM

- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 4:14 p.m.
- Commissioners Present** Luke Byram, JoAnn Fritsche, Todd Holloway, Roxanne Miles, Devin Myers, Krystal Monteros
- Commissioners Absent** Sheryl Ellis
- City Staff Present** Ann Martin, Lucas Smiraldo, Jack Kelanic, Joy St. Germain, Sandy Davis
- Guests Present** Jim House
- Adoption of Agenda** The agenda was accepted as presented.
- Acceptance of Minutes** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to *accept the COD meeting minutes of February 2017* with one change.
- Public Comment** None.
- Reports**
Liaison Report – Lucas Smiraldo
Mr. Smiraldo reported that in future meetings at least one element from the work plan will be discussed and moved forward. He stated that OEHR is prepared to establish an internship program for disabled participants. In speaking with OEHR Director, Diane Powers our office is open to inviting someone to internship with our office and to work on both the commission and other issues.
- Presentations**
Sandy Davis reported on the ADA update plan. The last update/summary was in 2012. A copy of the plan was passed out to commission members to review and send comments back to her and Lucas Smiraldo by April 6th.
- Guest Jack Kelanic, IT Director spoke briefly about web accessibility and what IT is doing. The IT Department is working on website accessibility since 2012. IT has adopted a standard that all of the new websites and applications would meet the WCAG 2.0 standards. The IT Department has developed competencies, and begun to offer services to other departments in the city in two areas. One is the testing for new websites and web applications that are deployed across the city. Second is technical training to teach other people who to do this type of testing and evaluation of their own systems.

Business**Review of Closed Captioning Presentation for Community, Vitality & Public Safety Committee**

Mr. Smiraldo gave overview of closed captioning presentation to be made to CVS Committee. Discussion included invited guest Jim House. Sports bar information to be removed from PowerPoint presentation.

Committee/Liaison Report

Commissioner Monteros reported that there have not been many applications for the City of Destiny Awards.

Commissioner Monteros reported that another meeting on accessible taxis will be within the next few weeks.

Commissioner Fritsche reported she was asked by the Anti-Stigma Campaign to develop the IPS Employment Program. She will head up group to do some public education with business people and employers. If anyone on commission would like to assist would welcome the help.

Closing

Mr. Smiraldo mentioned that four new commissioners will be joining the Commission in April.

Good of the Order/Announcements

Commissioner Holloway shared some really good outcomes two participants on the verge of homelessness who were able to receive assistance from Tacoma Housing Authority and another agency. Also Northwest Justice Project is working on housing issues in Tacoma and at some point would like to invite them to present to the commission.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Next Commission on Disability Meeting: April 13, 2017