

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

Fleet Conference Center, 3639 Pine St, Tacoma, WA 98409

Friday, May 11, 2018

4:00 PM

- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.
- Commissioners Present** Todd Holloway, Lori Allison, James Williams, Krystal Monteros, Anthony Caldwell, Shaw Sander, Devin Myers, Wandaya Terry
- Commissioners Absent** Luke Byram, Rebecca Parson
- City Staff Present** Ann Martin, Lucas Smiraldo
- Guests Present**
- Malcolm Carroll, Employment Consultant, Morningside
 - Heather Evans, Senior Program Manager, Morningside
- 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 9, 2018.
- Public Comment** None
- Reports**
- Liaison Report – Lucas Smiraldo**
- Mr. Smiraldo reported that there have been some very positive meetings around closed captioning and the initiative. They have already met with Bennish Brown, President, Travel Tacoma.
 - Mr. Smiraldo reported meeting with Council Ushka and her desire to visit with the Commission.
 - Mr. Smiraldo gave an update on the Tiki Apartments.
 - Mr. Smiraldo reported that we want to move taxi service efforts forward and what needs to happen next.
 - Mr. Smiraldo reported that Sheely Mauck and Linda Burgess Duncan were selected for City of Destiny Awards.
 - Mr. Smiraldo reported that the City of Tacoma is a finalist in the All American City and will be presenting in June in Denver, CO.
- Presentations** Guest presenters were Malcom Carroll and Heather Evans with Morningside, a local nonprofit that advances the employment and self-sufficiency of people with disabilities. They are working on an initiative with the City of Tacoma to hire people with intellectual developmental disabilities within different departments.
- Business**
- New Business**
- Nominations for Vice Chair - Commissioner Wandaya Terry selected.
 - Report from Ms. Diane Powers, OEHR Director

- Bennish Brown, President, Travel Tacoma and he would be happy to support and would like to invite commission to one of the board meetings to do a presentation
- CM Ushka support of commission
- CIRA and retreat later this month
- Our office will be supporting three commissions – Human Rights Commission, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, and Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
- Once CIRA complete, sometime in the fall have three commissions meet and having training and collaborate.
- City Council on May 14, 2018 passed ordinance that will give tenants 90-day notice when they have to leave instead of 20-day notice.

Committee/Chair Report

- Commissioner Holloway reported that taxi issue is becoming slightly more complex. Uber partnership is kind of fallen apart, would like to have Pierce Transit again to speak on issue.
- Commissioner Holloway gave EMS update. Possible future report from Chief Green and possibly Weber and Josh. He will have more reports to do with inclusion and integration within the Red Cross as well as FEMA office of disability and coordination, hurricane season starts, and as the recovery season starts to wind down from 2017.
- Commissioner Holloway reported there will be event unlimited English proficiency at the Star Center
- Commissioner Allison reported she is learning a new system using Firefox and supposed to be more accessible.
- Commissioner Caldwell reported that South End Neighborhood Council is reaching out to the neighborhood for volunteers. Meeting is on the third Monday of each month at 4911 South Alaska, Fire Station 38 at 7 pm.

Closing

Good of the Order/Announcements

None.

Agenda Building Items

- *CM Ushka*
- *Pierce County Transit*
- *HR 620 – June*
- *American with disabilities act*
- *DRA*
- *Senate bill 5046*
- *Chief Tory Green*

- *Update on housing situation*
- *Accessible prescriptions – specifically labeling*
- Global Connections to Employment – Jo’el Roth, Targeted Employment Navigator - April
- 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
- Possible Outreach Opportunities in 2018 (Ethnic Fest, Hilltop Street Fair)
- Director from Northwest ADA re: drug prescription labels
- 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 6:20 p.m.

Next Commission on Disability Meeting: June 8, 2018