

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

Minutes

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402

Friday, September 11, 2020

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.
Commissioners Present	Luke Byram, Krystal Monteros, Lukas Barfield, Dylan O’Catherine, James Williams, Richard Smaby Todd Holloway and Anthony Caldwell Rebecca Parson
Commissioners Absent	None
City Staff Present	Lucas Smiraldo
Guests Present	Julian Wheeler, PCAC,
Adoption of Agenda	A motion was made by commissioner Caldwell and seconded by Commissioner Holloway and carried to accept the COD meeting agenda of September 11, 2020.
Acceptance of Minutes	<p>A motion was made by commissioner O’Catherine and seconded by Commissioner Holloway and carried to accept the COD meeting minutes of August 14, 2020.</p> <p>Commissioners took turns checking in sharing who they “root for”.</p>
Public Comment	There was no public comment.
<i>New Business</i>	None.
<i>Guest Presenter</i>	None
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<i>Reports</i>	
<i>Chair</i>	Vice Chair Monteros visited her participation in Vision Zero advisory group and discussed the importance of engaging community members in new ways that bring feedback events into the neighborhoods.
<i>Liaison</i>	<p>Lucas Smiraldo offered the liaison report which included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Accessible Taxi—The feasibility report has been approved by Council and a series of deliverables will be developed with the consultant, Commission members offered these thoughts on those deliverables<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Explore the best models for driver training to accommodate people with disabilities.b. Explore best feedback mechanisms from riders including surveysc. Present only models that are on demand and do not involve ride share or shuttled. Look at models of taxi that consider size of vehicle to enable

multiple family members and/or room for motorized chairs. This may include van vehicle models of taxi.

2. Pierce Transit Park Will Need to Re-submit plans to meet ADA requirements
3. COT and TSD Advisory Group—First Meeting Has Been Set. Working on recruiting youth.
Commissioner O’Catherine spoke about the difference between ceremonial recognition of inclusionary models of learning and authentic ones that enable students to integrate into the social structure of the classroom and allow their different communication modes to be respected. It may take youth with disabilities longer to communicate, but they often know the material and just need time and patience to become a part of the discussions. Commissioner Monteros shared her experience around be set apart when she wanted to be integrated into the routines of her fellow students in the past.
4. CAM recommendation for remote access just will be presented just in advance of reinstatement of live CBC meetings.
5. HRC Letter Was Delivered to Council and the Mayor—Status of Investigators is under consideration
6. Telework Input from TACOD. Two commissioners have offered input and Commissioner Barfield added to the input by asking that blind or visually impaired employees should have current screen reading software

PCAC

Julian Wheeler of PCAC offered a short report. He shared that October will be proclaimed as Disability History Month in Pierce County and encouraged joint proclamations with the city. His advisory group met on September 8th to determine grant support for access in transportation projects. Finally, Mr. Wheeler encouraged members to become election observers. The training is on September 17th.

Public Works Subcommittee

Chair Caldwell reported on the Public Works Subcommittee after the minutes were read out loud by the liaison to offer access to those on phone. Mr. Caldwell indicated that he was seeking contact with Associated Ministries and Ms. Monteros offered to help. The chair is seeking to organize a ribbon cutting event to recognize upgrades to intersections and ADA accessible cross walks and lights. He is in touch with Gail Himes on this.

Emergency Management

Chair Holloway reported on Emergency Management and expressed warnings about air quality during the time of multiple wild fires. He will provide a written report to Commissioners and also asked that commissioners sign up for emergency alerts. He praised the local Red Cross for its emergency preparations on behalf of the disabled.

Adjournment

Todd Holloway made a motion to adjourn and James Williams seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting concluded at 6:06 PM

The next meeting will be held at its regular time on Friday, October 9th.

Adjournment