

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

Minutes

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402

Friday, October 9, 2020

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.
Commissioners Present	Luke Byram, Krystal Monteros, Lukas Barfield, James Williams, Richard Smaby Todd Holloway and Rebecca Parson
Guests Present Commissioners Absent	Dylan O’Catherine and Anthony Caldwell
City Staff Present	Lucas Smiraldo
Guests Present	Julian Wheeler, PCAC, Sound Transit Presenters: Austin Nielsen, Donna Smith, and Eric Tipps, Tony Amin Hester, 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	A motion was made by commissioner Smaby and seconded by Commissioner Parson and carried to accept the COD meeting minutes of September 11, 2020. Commissioners took turns checking in sharing their favorite memory “on wheels”
Public Comment	There was no public comment.
<i>New Business</i>	None.
<i>Guest Presenter</i>	None
<i>Guest Presentation</i>	Sound Transit offered a presentation around the new Tacoma Dome Station Light Rail Link in the planning and public comment stage. Mr. Nielsen, Tipps and Ms. Smith offered a group presentation. The highlights included: The Link Rail is considering four potential routes and four station options. The stations include <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tacoma 25th St. West,• Tacoma Close to Sounder,• Tacoma 25th Street East and• Tacoma, 26th Street. Each of these stations is being considered around ease of access, traffic patterns, parking proximity and environmental impact. In response to a question, Ms. Smith, shared that any station requiring elevator access will have one installed that has a higher weight capacity to facilitate motorized chairs and enough space to navigate based on past ADA concerns. At the end of the report the presenters expressed openness to a member of the commission becoming an advisory liaison but also indicated the public will have many opportunities during this and other projects and that the planning is in its early phases.

Reports

Chair

Vice Chair Monteros discussed her new affiliation with a national group that addresses wheelchair users who also face racial discrimination.

Liaison

Lucas Smiraldo offered the liaison report which included the following:

1. Accessible Taxi—The project preparations are underway, deliverables have been drafted and Mr. Smiraldo will meet with a member of Finance soon to put all of the contractual arrangements in place.
2. The City of Destiny Awards and two honorees received awards as TACOD nominees.
3. COT and TSD Advisory Group—The first was led by Commissioner O’Catherine and featured substantial input from Ms. O’Catherine and Commissioners Byram and Monteros. Recommendations and next steps are emerging as a result of this first meeting and a second meeting is scheduled in October to build out more details and a plan of action on behalf of students with disabilities.
4. The Public Works Subcommittee met and discussed possible sites for a community celebration, plans to present to Neighborhood Councils, and a discussion around progress for people experiencing homelessness at the micro-shelters.

Julian Wheeler of PCAC invited people to his next advisory meeting and also invited members to the Legislative Forum scheduled for November 19th.

Commissioner Barfield offered a report on city website accessibility and will pass on concerns to Lucas Smiraldo who will raise these concerns with key personnel at Information and Technology.

Commissioner Monteros shared some challenges she is facing with the support of consistent care givers and Mr. Holloway will be in touch with her to offer support through the Center for Independent Living.

Todd Holloway made a motion to adjourn which was seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting concluded at 6:04 PM

PCAC

The next meeting will be held at its regular time on Friday, November 13th.

Adjournment

