



**Municipality of Anchorage
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2013

I Call to Order

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was called to order by the Chair, David Ziemer, at 1:02 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2013 in the 4th floor conference room at 825 L Street, Department of Health and Human Services.

II Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Chair Ziemer as follows; a quorum in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	GUESTS
<u>Commissioners</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Ziemer, Chair• Christine King• Lynne Koral• David Barton <u>Municipal Staff</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kristin Troxell, DHHS• Pamela Basler, ERC• Marie Lavigne, DHHS	<u>Commissioners</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holli Yancey• Lindsay Davison <u>Municipal Staff</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Susan Shiffer, DPT• Ken Takakuwa, DHHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lance Wilber, DPT• Judy Tymick, DPT

III Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of Letter to Assembly under Old Business & Recruitment under New Business, motion to approve by Ms. Koral, seconded by Mr. Barton.

IV Approval of Minutes

The September 12, 2013 minutes were approved as written, motion to approve by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Koral.

V Public Comments

None

VI Guest

Lance Wilber, Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Public Transportation (DPT) – Provided a handout of AM 505-2013, AO 2013-100 & Exhibit 1 Public Transportation. Exhibit 1 outlined the proposed fare increases to PeopleMover & AnchorRides fares. Discussed the proposed fare increases to PeopleMover buses and AnchorRides. The DPT is proposing a revised fare structure be adopted for 2014; fares have not been adjusted for for approximately 8 years. These increases are necessary due to the increased operating

costs the department is faced with but they have tried to make compromises and spread the increase out among the user groups. The DPT offers half fares which are reduced fares for youth, seniors, veterans and individuals with disabilities. There is a disability process in place that people must follow in order to be eligible for the disability half fare.

The Transit Advisory Board will be meeting the evening of 10/10/13 to discuss, there will be an Assembly work session on 10/11/13 and then the ordinance will go before the Assembly for a vote on 10/22/13. If the ordinance passes and the fare increases are approved the DPT will be increasing services. These positive results of the fare increases need to be highlighted.

Ms. King recommended that the ADA Commission take action to support the Public Transportation's proposal. Ms. King made a motion to write a resolution to support the fare increases, the Commission feels that the fare increases are fair and equitable and Mr. Barton seconded. Approved by all Commissioners. Ms. Koral will draft the resolution and have it ready by the middle of next week, the Commission will hand deliver the resolution to the Assembly members at the October 22nd Assembly Meeting.

VII Municipal Reports

Pamela Basler, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission (AERC) – Made a suggestion for the ADA Commission to lead anti-discrimination training with small and non-profit businesses. One of the problems small & non-profit businesses have is that they don't know all the laws that they are suppose to comply with. This anti-discrimination training would be very beneficial education to our community. The University of Alaska small business development center currently sends out class invitations and this training could be added to their list. The training could offer information on all types of discrimination. AERC is currently recruiting for an investigator position.

VIII Updates from Chair

Report to Assembly – October 22, 2013 – Mr. Ziemer will be providing a report to the Assembly at the Oct. 22nd Assembly meeting, he has requested that Mr. Barton help him to prepare the report. Requested that Commissioners email a list with the discussion points they would like to see included in the report.

IX Old Business

Disaster Preparedness Video Project

- Working with Michelle Torres on this project. David Barton has met with UAA and they are reviewing the request and will get back to him within the next week or two to advise if they can do the project. There is approximately \$20,000 available for this project.

Service Animals

- Mr. Barton and Ms. Koral need to re-schedule the service animal training sessions. There was a story feature on KTUU; it was a great piece on service animals. Ms. King did not like the use of the word handicapped within the story.

Letter to the Assembly – Jack Runser's Story

- Mr. Ziemer drafted a letter to submit to the Assembly he has sent it out to commissioners by email. All of the Commissioner's comments & revisions that have been received are incorporated into the draft. Requested comments from the other commissioners as soon as possible so he can finalize the draft and get the letter out immediately.

X New Business

Paragraph 4, Parking lots – No Updates.

ADA Recruitment – Leroy Reid did not reinstate his term. The ADA Commission is now short one Commissioner. All commissioners should be thinking about possible recruits. Mr. Barton stated that he would like to see another veteran assigned to the Commission. Mr. Ziemer stated that he does not think they need to fill a certain demographic rather just find an applicant that will be a good fit to the Commission. This item will remain on the agenda until the seat is filled.

ADA Meeting Times – Mr. Barton would like to suggest a Monday or Tuesday late morning (10:00 am or 11:00 am) re-occurring meeting time going forward. Voting will occur at the November meeting to finalize a new meeting schedule.

XI Good of the Order

- Disaster Preparedness Video Project – None
- Local Emergency Planning Committee – None

XII Announcements

No Announcements

XIII Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 1:00 pm in the 4th floor conference room, at the Department of Health and Human Services located at 825 L Street.