



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

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2014

I Call to Order

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was held at 10:36 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 in the 4th floor conference room at 825 L Street, Department of Health and Human Services.

II Roll Call

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	GUESTS
<u>Commissioners</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Ziemer, Chair• Lynne Koral• Lynn Kenney• David Barton• Christine King• Holli Yancey• Lindsay Davison <u>Municipal Staff</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kristin Troxell, DHHS• Sonya Davis, DHHS• Susan Shiffer, Public Transportation• Andrew Sunboom, AERC	<u>Commissioners</u> None	Abul Hassan, Public Transportation

III Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written, motion to approve by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Yancey.

IV Approval of Minutes

The August 13, 2014 minutes were approved as written, motion to approve by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Koral. The September 10, 2014 minutes were approved as written, motion to approve by Mr. Barton seconded by Ms. Koral.

V Public Comments

None.

VI Guest

None.

VII Municipal Reports

Susan Shiffer, Public Transportation – Ms. Shiffer introduced, Abul Hassan, the new Public Transportation Operations Superintendent. The AnchorRides program has new MV1 vehicles in operation. A wheel chair sits in the passenger side of the front of the vehicle. The next order placed by Public Transportation for new vehicles will be for the larger vehicles. Project Action has handouts regarding service animals that you can order free of charge, may be helpful to the Commission.

VIII Updates from Chair

David Ziemer, Chair – Rim Architects is working on two large projects in public buildings in Anchorage that are updating the restroom facilities to be up to date and into compliance with ADA Law.

IX Old Business

Service Animal Sub-Committee Update – This sub-committee did not meet yet. They need to schedule a meeting. Ms. Koral is part of a National organization on service animals and has been tasked with researching all the State Laws on service animals. She will bring the laws that can be used to assist with drafting the Municipal ordinance to the attention of the sub-committee when available.

Draft Letter to the Assembly – Mr. Ziemer will have draft out by email by the end of the week for Commissioner review.

Title 21 Parking Recommendations – Assembly member Traini requested the ADA Advisory Commissions recommendations for updating accessible parking section of Title 21. Mrs. Troxell provided the current Title 21 language on accessible parking to the Commissioners for their review. Mr. Barton recommended that page 7-111 number 11 be updated to the 2010 ADA law. Mr. Ziemer recommended that the language be updated to read the most current version of the ADA law that is being enforced. Mrs. Troxell is tasked with inviting Erika McConnell, Community Development Planning Manager, to the November meeting. Commissioners that would like to offer individual feedback regarding their recommendations to update the section of Title 21 on the accessible parking should send them by email. David Barton & David Ziemer volunteered to meet and complete a review of the section and draft recommendations.

Universal Design for Accessible Taxis – There was a recent court case in New York regarding this issue. The resolution of the case is that 50% of the taxis in New York must be accessible taxis. The issue is defining what the specification of an accessible cab. Mr. Barton suggested that the Commission research the specification that will be used in New York and recommend the same specifications in Anchorage. Mr. Barton will research this before the next meeting and make recommendations to the Commission at the next meeting.

Facebook Public Education Campaign – October 2014 – October material is not ready for review at this time. Mrs. Troxell will draft a proclamation and email to Commissioners for review/approval for National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Public Comment Meeting – November 2014 – The Commissioners would like to push the date for the public meeting out to January 2015 and ask the Senior Commission to co-host the meeting. A suggestion was made to have a public comment period in addition to the meeting and take input via a variety of different sources. If the Senior Commission is willing to participate in the meeting we could ask to add the announcement of the meeting to the Senior Voice. The preferred meeting locations would be either the Lousac Library or the Anchorage Senior Center. Ms. Davis will coordinate with the Senior Commission to find out if they want to partner for the meeting. The topics of the meeting will be service animals, housing, transportation and other barriers to independence and full community access.

X New Business

None

XI Good of the Order

Patrick Reinhart has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education. Mr. Reinhart is replacing Teresa Holt. Ms. Holt accepted the position as the State Long Term Care Ombudsman.

A recommendation was made to consider doing outreach with different individuals & groups and inviting them to attend the ADA Commission meetings to collaborate.

XII Announcements

Michelle Torres – Emergency Management PIO – Michelle will be transitioning to a new position with the State of Alaska, Department of Homeland Security.

XIII Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 10:30 am in the 4th floor conference room, at the Department of Health and Human Services located at 825 L Street.