

Municipality of Anchorage AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COMMISSION

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2015

I Call to Order

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was held at 10:32 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2015 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
Commissioners	Commissioners	
David Ziemer, Chair	Lynne Koral	 David Barton, Access
Holli Yancey	Lynn Kenney	Alaska
Christine King		
Lindsay Davison		
Britteny Howell		
Municipal Staff		
Kristin Troxell, DHHS		
David Levy, DHHS		
 Pamela Basler, AERC 		
Eric Musser,		
Transportation Inspector		
 Sonya Davis, DHHS 		

III Approval of Agenda

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

IV Approval of Minutes

The April 14, 2015 minutes were approved as written, motion to approve by Ms. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Ziemer.

V Public Comments

None.

VI Guest

David Barton, Access Alaska – Mr. Barton is in attendance to accept his plaque for his ten years of outstanding service to the community of Anchorage as a Commissioner of the Anchorage Americans with Disabilities Advisory Commission 2005-2015.

VII Municipal Reports

Eric Musser, Transportation Inspector –There are several vendors in the community offering accessible transportation through vehicle for hire permits that are issued/monitored by the MOA Transportation Inspection Office. These permitted vehicles offering rides for hire will have a sticker in the windshield and will have V numbers posted on the front and back. They are not required to have a video camera in the vehicles for hire. Mr. Musser will forward a listing of these companies that are providing accessible transportation, rides for hire for the Commissioners review. A few of the vendors offering this service include Quick Rides, GNR Rides, and there are at least three others.

Pamela Basler, AERC – Ms. Basler wants to get Muni.org updated with contact information & instructions for filing ADA complaints. A self service online option to direct citizens to the correct MOA departments that can assist to solve specific ADA related problems.

VIII Updates from Chair

None.

IX Old Business

Title 21 Parking Recommendations – Mr. Ziemer drafted the formal recommendation of the Commission to submit to the Anchorage Assembly for review. The draft was shared by email before the meeting and copies distributed for Commissioner review. Mr. Ziemer requested that Commissioners send in all comments, no later than the close of business on 5/15/15. Mr. Ziemer will finalize the letter and have ready for distribution to the Mayor and the Assembly.

Service Animal Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Barton made contact with the Director of the State of Alaska Humane Society and he wants to participate in this service animal project. David recently presented information to the Anchorage School District on service animals, they are starting to use service animals in the school district. It was noted that inside the home an animal that completes a task can be referred to as a assistive animal, but outside the home an animal that completes a task is a service animal. A request was made for Mr. Barton to provide a training on service animals to the Commission during a future meeting.

ADA 25th Anniversary Celebration – Access Alaska is going to be assisting with a public awareness piece for distribution at the Alaska State Fair about disaster preparedness, service animals, etc. They will also be hosting an obstacle course. The ADA Commission has chosen the date for 25th Anniversary of the ADA Celebration as July 27th from 4pm-6pm. If the event is held at City Hall there was a suggestion to have a conference phone available for call-in option. The other location that was discussed for consideration for the event was the Loussac Library; either the Assembly Chamber or the Wilda Marsten Theatre. Would like to invite Senior Commission & Veterans Commission to assist with hosting the event. Will need to have a time limit for each speaker giving public testimony so that it can be controlled. The group wants to advertise this event as a positive celebration.

Ms. Troxell will check availability for the locations discussed and have availability ready for discussion at the next meeting.

Proposed Rotating Meeting Locations – Ms. Troxell will contact the different locations that the Commissioners have identified as locations of intrest and ask if they would be willing to host the Commission for monthly meetings starting in August and have this information available at the next meeting.

ADA Retreat – Summer 2015 – BP Energy Center is available either Aug 18 or 25th, will send out doodle poll to find out which date works better for Commissioners, 100% Commissioner attendance will be requested.

X New Business

Attendance in person is going to be requested of Commissioners, Mr. Ziemer asked commissioners to make a commitment to being at the meetings in person.

XI Good of the Order

None.

XII Announcements

None.

XIII Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 10:30 am in the 4th floor conference room, at the Department of Health and Human Services located at 825 L Street.