



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

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2015**

I Call to Order

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was held at 10:52 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2015 at Special Olympics Alaska, 3200 Mountain View Drive in Anchorage, Alaska

II Roll Call

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	GUESTS
<p><u>Commissioners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Ziemer, Chair • Holli Yancey • Britteny Howell • Lynne Koral • Lynn Kenney • Christine King • Lindsay Davison <p><u>Municipal Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonya Davis, DHHS • David Levy, DHHS • Susan Shiffer, Public Transportation • Pamela Basler, AERC 	<p><u>Commissioners</u></p> <p>Lynn Kenney - absent Lindsay Davison - excused</p>	

III Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved, motion to approve by Ms. Howell, seconded by Ms. King.

IV Approval of Minutes

The September 2015 minutes were approved as written, motion to approve by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Howell.

V Public Comments

None.

VI Guest

None.

VII Municipal Reports

Pamela Basler, AERC – Ms. Basler reported that recently the Anchorage Assembly passed changes to Title 5 of the Anchorage Municipal Code. The changes included equal right protections based on sex and gender identity. The new law took effect on October 2nd. Ms. Basler also encouraging the ADA commissioners to go to the EEO website for more information on Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgendered (LGBT) and disability issues.

Ms. Basler just attended a national conference on community policing. It focused on clients and consumers with mental health issues and concerns and community policing. The conference recommended that the general public be educated on improving mental health education and the value of community policing. She also pointed out that the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission does not keep records of allegations of police misconduct by protected class, but the public does have the option of reporting discrimination complaints to the ADRC, questions about police procedure to the MOA Ombudsman office or allegations of police misconduct to APD internal affairs.

Susan Shiffer, Public Transportation - Ms. Shiffer reported that Anchorage Public Transportation has released its annual report on People Mover, AnchorRides and the Vanpool/Share a Ride performance and programs. For more information, please check out the People Mover report on the Municipality of Anchorage website. The United Planning Work Program (UPWP) is out for public comment and review. The document is a listing of federal, state and/or local funding for each planning project in the federal fiscal year.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is coming up to Anchorage in the spring for its three year triennial review. It will be looking at all the programs and services provided by People Mover. For the AnchorRides program, it will be looking at safety and public accommodation issues.

Sonya Davis – Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) - Ms Davis reported that information requests slow down in October because of PFD checks, so she and the staff take the opportunity to expand some of their outreach activities in the fall. The ADRC staff is monitoring closely Medicaid expansion discussions and activities and its impact on ADRC clients. Also, Ms. Davis reported that she just completed a training course conducted by the Trust Training Cooperative. She has been trained in the Alaska Core Competencies program and will be conducting training for municipal employees and small groups in Anchorage.

Ms. Davis reported that a lot of the disability calls into the ADRC office were questions about public benefits and the changes with Medicaid expansion.

Ms. King invited Ms. Davis to participate in the Disability Abuse Response Team (DART) program organized by STAR of Alaska. Ms. King will send her contact information.

VIII Updates from Chair

Mr. Ziemer reported that Darrel Hess contacted him to let him know that the Mayor's office is very interested in re-establishing an ADA coordinator position within the Municipality of Anchorage. He said that Mayor Berkowitz would be very interested in hearing the commission's priorities as well as its ideas for the proposed position. Mr. Ziemer reported

that we are in the process of finalizing a meeting with the Mayor. Ms. King stated that we need to narrow our focus with the Mayor and that we should just ask for one thing – creation of an ADA coordinator for the Municipality of Anchorage. Ms. Howell pointed out that we need data to backup our request and that we should survey the participants who attended the ADA celebration on their interest and concerns regarding ADA issues in Anchorage. Ms. Korral made a motion to direct staff to work with Ms. Howell to create a survey to measure the interest and understanding of disability issues in Anchorage. Ms. King seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

Ms. King also discussed the ADA Commission Facebook page and the commission's social media activities. Ms. King will send a list of proposed topics and Ms. Korral volunteered to assist with the November posting. She will work with staff on the topics and the posting.

IX Old Business

Rotating Meeting Locations – The November meeting will be held at Access Alaska. The December meeting will be held at AARP. The January meeting may be held at the offices of the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education (Ms. Howell is going to check on its availability). Meeting days and times will remain the same.

X New Business

Mr. Levy discussed National Disability Employment Awareness Month coming up in October, need people to volunteer to review the proclamation and tweak it as needed so it can go through the assembly process. Ms. Howell and Ms. Koral will work on this. Ms. King and Ms. Yancey volunteered to work on social media posts for the month of October.

Mr. Ziemer and Ms. Davison will work with Mr. Levy on the annual report.

Mr. Ziemer discussed upcoming Commission elections as well as the possibility of creating a vice chair position within the Commission. Ms. Howell will work to find a possible template for position description and provide to the Commission for review.

XI Good of the Order

Mr. Ziemer made a motion to recognize and thank Kristin Troxell for her support for the ADA Commission over the last few years. The motion passed unanimously.

XII Announcements

There were no announcements during the October meeting.

XIII Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Korral. The meeting adjourned at 12:08pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 10:30 am at Access Alaska.

