



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

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES  
September 8, 2015**

**I Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was held at 10:37 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2015 in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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
<p><b><u>Commissioners</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Ziemer, Chair</li> <li>• Holli Yancey</li> <li>• Britteny Howell</li> <li>• Lynne Koral</li> <li>• Lynn Kenney</li> <li>• Christine King</li> <li>• Lindsay Davison</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Municipal Staff</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sonya Davis, DHHS</li> <li>• David Levy, DHHS</li> <li>• Eric Musser, Anchorage Transportation Inspector</li> <li>• Susan Shiffer, Public Transportation</li> <li>• Pamela Basler, AERC</li> <li>• Donte Powell, AERC</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Commissioners</u></b></p>	

**III Approval of Agenda**

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

**IV Approval of Minutes**

The July 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 – announced a new initiative out of the mayor's office called Welcoming Cities campaign. This celebration week focuses on immigrants and is sponsored by the first lady. There are four events including naturalization ceremony Wednesday at noon, also an outreach event at Northway Mall on Saturday, September 19 from 2-5pm for agencies who are interested in participating. Ms. King discussed ideas related to getting people involved and increasing positive feedback as well as ideas related to AERC's Facebook page.

Eric Musser, Transportation Inspector –Mr. Musser encourages the ADA Commission to provide input to the Anchorage Assembly regarding disability transportation. UBER is willing to pay up to \$100K fine in some cities to not provide disability transportation, and Mr. Musser voiced his concerns about allowing them to operate in Anchorage, encouraged the ADA Commission to monitor this and participate in the discussion with the Anchorage Assembly. Mr. Musser also initiated discussion regarding the possibility of assessing a surcharge as some cities are doing, including ideas of what this might look like and what these funds could be used for, such as converting existing cabs to be more disability friendly. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Municipal Staff regarding ideas to solve disability transportation issues such as creating a 3-1-1 disability call system (similar to program in New York City), dedicating a certain number of vehicles to being on call or on demand, assessing penalties for not being accessible, creating a secret shopper program, providing increased education and support for people to file complaints to get their needs met, requiring a certain percentage of disability rides in order to keep permit, suspending permits after a certain number of complaints, etc. Mr. Musser concluded by stating the dynamics of the transportation industry are changing rapidly, and he encouraged the Commission to continue to come up with ideas and provide needed input when opportunities arise. The Commissioners discussed having Anchorage Mobility Coalition attend an upcoming meeting to discuss this further. Mr. Musser also announced an opening on the Anchorage Transportation Commission for someone who is knowledgeable in senior and disability community issues.

Susan Shiffer, Public Transportation - There have been a number of organizational and other changes lately within Public Transportation including some new schedules, a new director and a new communications department which will oversee marketing and customer service. There has been a lot of staff turnover, but things are settling down now.

## **VIII Updates from Chair**

None.

## **IX Old Business**

Retreat summary – Mr. Levy encouraged everyone to review the Commission Plan that was sent out. Ms. King suggested the Commission use this as a basis for a work plan for the coming year.

Rotating Meeting Locations – The October meeting will be held at the Special Olympics building in Mountain View. The November meeting will be held at Access Alaska. Meeting days and times will remain the same.

### **X New Business**

Mr. Levy discussed National Disability Employment Awareness Month coming up in October and needed commission volunteers to review the proclamation and help with changes as it makes it way through the assembly process. Ms. Howell and Ms. Koral volunteered to work on this. Also, Ms. King and Ms. Yancey volunteered to work on social media posts for the month of October.

Mr. Ziemer and Ms. Davison will work 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**

None.

### **XII Announcements**

Ms. Howell announced FASD Awareness Day, tomorrow, September 9, from 4:30-7:30pm and invited all who are able to come and participate.

### **XIII Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Yancey. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 10:30 am at the Special Olympics building in Mountain View.