



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

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2013

I Call to Order

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was called to order by the Chair, David Barton, at 4:04 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in the 4th floor conference room at 825 L Street, Department of Health and Human Services.

II Roll Call

Role call was conducted by Chair Barton as follows; a quorum was in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	GUESTS
<p><u>Commissioners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Barton, Chair • Leroy Reid • Christine King • David Ziemer • Lindsay Davison • Lynne Koral <p><u>Municipal Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Takakuwa, DHHS • Lynda Meyer, DHHS • Cindy Herr, DHHS • Pamela Basler, ERC • Susan Shiffer, DPT 	<p><u>Commissioners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holli Yancey <p><u>Unexcused</u></p> <p><u>Municipal Staff</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Bretz, MOA Boards & Commissions Liaison

III Approval of Agenda

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

IV Approval of Minutes

The August 14, 2012 minutes were approved as written, motion to approve by Dr. Reid, seconded by Ms. King.

The October 9, 2012 minutes were approved as written, motion to approve by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Davison.

V Public Comments

None

VI Guest

Karen Bretz, Municipality of Anchorage Boards and Commission Liaison

- Ms Bretz introduced herself to the Commission and thanked the Commissioners for taking the time to serve.
- The new Commissioner Lynne Koral was introduced to the commission and spoke about her experience and background. As Lynne is blind; the Commission established that they would identify themselves before speaking to effectively communicate as a group.

VII Municipal Reports

Kenneth Takakuwa, Direct Services Division Manager

- The letters sent to the Commission from the Health and Services Director, Janet Vietmeier, explaining the new department structure and how the 2013 budget will affect community partners and commissions were discussed.
- Disclosed that this is his last meeting as the Municipal Staff Representative and it has been an honor to work with the ADA Commission. Gave credit to Chair Barton for his hard work and diligence in promoting the Commissions goals. Lynda Meyer was introduced as the new Municipality Staff Representative to the ADA Commission.
- Mr. Takakuwa spoke to the Commission regarding how he has staffed almost all the Health and Human Services commissions at various times. The commissions that succeed are the commissions that do not limit themselves. The department believes in its' commissions and supports them. Do more than showing up at meetings; set goals and work on achieving them.

Lynda Meyer, Program Manager, Aging and Disability Resource Center

- Honored to be asked to staff the ADA Commission; also staffs the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. There is good synergy between the two Commissions. This pairing will work well with her managing the Aging and Disability Resource Center funding for the Municipality.

Cindy Herr, Health and Human Services

- Requested contact information and a paragraph from the new commissioners about who they were and their background for the ADA website. Examples were provided of the existing biographies.

Pamela Basler, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission (ERC)

- The ERC has a new docket clerk that brings expertise with the youth population. This will expand the ERC contact with the youth population in the Municipality.
- The ERC is continuing to work with the APD task force.
- Chair Barton inquired about complaints regarding service animals. Ms. Basler responded there have been inquiries only; it is outside the ERC's jurisdiction.
- Ms. King and Ms Koral complimented the ERC staff for their recent public meetings and community contact.

Ms. Shiffer, Department of Public Transportation (DPT)

- There will be no service level cuts and the fair increase was not approved by the Administration.
- Policy and Procedures for AnchorRides are being revised. Rewriting the no show policies for AnchorRides following Federal recommendations; currently only notification letters are sent. Guidelines on delinquent fare accounts (no pay slips) are being developed. There is no policy regarding suspending service for delinquent accounts which approximately totals \$15,000.00 per year.
- There is a lot of infrastructure replacements; from vehicles to radios. The radios are a federal requirement. DPT is also installing mobile data computers.
- AnchorRides assisted the Municipal Emergency Operations Management (EOM) with an apartment evacuation exercise; it provided valuable training to the drivers.
- The Public Transportation mentorship with Fairbanks is going well. Also working with Juneau on their Request for Proposal for public transportation.

VIII Updates from chair

- Currently serving on the Senior Citizens Needs Assessment Steering Committee sponsored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission.
- Chair Barton is resigning from the chair of the Commission. It is time to refocus now that there is a full Commission. He will remain active and on the Commission.

IX Old Business

AK Deaf Community

- Chair Barton is still receiving feedback from the deaf community; an updated survey reporting the barriers they encounter is enclosed in the agenda packet.
- The EOM Disaster Preparedness videos for the deaf are almost complete. Ms. Basler inquired if the experience with Hurricane Sandy affected these videos. Chair

Barton responded not at this time; the videos define the expectations of service you will receive from first responders and what you personally need to be prepared for. As these are being completed by volunteers and donations; Ms. King recommended soliciting Insurance companies for funding especially after the bad press they received from Sandy.

Service Dogs

- The annual Access Alaska ADA event featuring Luis Carlos Montalvan and his service animal Tuesday has motivated two individuals to advocate modifying state laws in Alaska regarding service animals.

Meeting time

- The Commission discussed moving the meeting to a different time. It will be the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Department of Health and Human Services, in the 4th floor conference room. All in favor; none opposed.

X New Business

New Chair

- The Commission discussed who would be willing to take on the responsibility of Chairing the Commission. Mr. Ziemer volunteered. All in favor; none opposed. Mr. Ziemer was confirmed as Chair of the ADA Commission.

XII Announcements

No additional announcements.

XIII Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, February 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.