



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

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

April 12, 2016

**I Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was held at 10:35 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at DHHS Conference 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room (825 L Street)

**II Roll Call**

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	GUESTS
<b><u>Commissioners</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• David Ziemer, Chair</li><li>• Holli Yancey</li><li>• Lynne Koral</li><li>• Britteny Howell</li><li>• Lynn Kenney</li><li>• Christine King – vice chair</li><li>• Lindsey Davison</li></ul> <b><u>Municipal Staff</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• David Levy, DHHS</li></ul>	<b><u>Commissioners</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>David Ziemer – excused</li><li>Lynn Kenney - excused</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pam Basler – Anchorage Equal Rights Commission</li><li>Paris Butler and Susan Shiffer – AnchorRides</li><li>Colin Hodges – People Mover</li></ul>

**III Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved, motion to approve by Commissioner Koral seconded by Commissioner Yancey

**IV Approval of Minutes**

The February minutes were approved, motion to approve by Commissioner Koral and seconded by Commissioner Yancey.

The March minutes were approved; motion to approved by Commissioner Yancey and seconded by Commissioner Howell.

**V Public Comments**

None.

**VI Municipal reports**

Paris Butler/MOA AnchorRides Program – Mr. Butler provided an overview of the People Mover travel training program and provided a copy of the AnchorRides

application for review by the ADA commission. Mr. Butler explained that there is currently one full time travel trainer for Anchorage area. The travel trainer is working with the State office of Children's Services to assist their clients in understanding the public transportation system. They also provide other group training opportunities for other organizations around Anchorage.

Commissioner Koral asked when you decide when the training is appropriate for a client. Mr. Butler responded that they talk to the client to determine if they have a basic understanding of People Mover bus schedules. Their primary focus is to determine their decision making capacity and their ability to use public transportation without assistance.

Mr. Butler explained that the Assessment Center training center will be closed during the remodel of the downtown transit center. During that time, the assessment center will be accepting paper eligibility applications.

Mr. Butler said there are looking at a revised AnchorRides application and that their biggest demand is for travel training for individuals with visual disabilities.

Colin Hodges/Anchorage People Mover - Mr. Hodges told the ADA Commissioners that Anchorage People Mover is hosting a city wide event called Anchorage Talks Transit. The event will take place on May 5 at the Anchorage Museum. The focus of the meeting is to ask for the public's help in determining public transportation in Anchorage in the future. Should the focus be on more frequent service or more buses in more places?

There is also an all-day meeting for key transit stakeholders on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Covenant House Anchorage office. Commissioner Koral will be the ADA Commission representative. This meeting will be a more in-depth discussion on transit in Anchorage than the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Susan Shiffer – Anchorage Public Transportation – Ms. Shiffer stated that the Public Transportation Department would be happy to assist the ADA Commission with their Facebook page and that Michelle Felix would be the contact person.

## **VII. Update from the Vice Chair:**

Commissioner King did not have anything to report at this time.

## **VIII) Old Business:**

**ADA Celebration** – It was announced by David Levy and Commissioner King that the ADA celebration event will be July 28 at the Anchorage Senior Center. Commissioner King asked for volunteers to assist with the planning and organizing of the ADA celebration. Commissioners Davison and Howell volunteered to assist and Commissioner King will follow up with Commissioner Ziemer to see if he is able participate on the planning committee.

**Social Media Committee** – Commissioner King asked for volunteers to serve on the

Social Media Committee to come up for a plan for social media activities for the ADA Commission. Commissioner Davison and Howell volunteered to serve on the committee. They will be meeting in April and will report back to the commissioners at the May meeting.

## **IX. New Business**

David Levy reported that Planning and Zoning Commission staff has been invited to attend our May meeting and they have confirmed their attendance. They will provide an overview of the commission's activities and how they can work together in the future.

Commissioner King asked that commissioners look at their summer schedule so the staff can know when commissioners are available for meetings.

## **X. Good of the Order**

Commissioner Koral asked for volunteers to help with a project that she is working on for Leadership Anchorage. She is looking for 3-5 volunteers to help them with a daylong community connections project.

## **XI Announcements**

Nothing at this time.

## **XIII Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Davison and seconded by Commissioner Koral. The meeting adjourned at 11:50pm. **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at DHHS 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.**