



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

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2016

I Call to Order

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was held at 10:35 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16th at DHHS Conference 4th Floor Conference Room (825 L Street)

II Roll Call

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	GUESTS
<u>Commissioners</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Ziemer, Chair• Holli Yancey• Lynne Koral• Britteny Howell• Lynn Kenney• Christine King <u>Municipal Staff</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Levy, DHHS	<u>Commissioners</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lindsay Davison - excused	Susan Shiffer – MOA Public Transportation Jillanne Inglis – ADA Coordinator Sonya Davis – ADRC staff

III Approval of Agenda

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

IV Approval of Minutes

The January 2016 minutes were approved with amendments, motion to approve by Commissioner Koral and seconded by Commissioner Howell.

V Public Comments

None.

VI Municipal reports

.Susan Shiffer – MOA Public Transportation Department/AnchorRides
Ms. Shiffer reported on the Anchorage talks transit/making choice development plan. The goal is to help Anchorage Public Transportation to plan for future development of the public transportation in Anchorage. Commissioner Koral has been selected as the commission's representative to service on the Transit Stakeholders group and she will report back to the commission after their planning meeting in May. The planning group

is from out of state and would like to meet with the commission in the spring about their areas of concerns as well as opportunities with Anchorage People Mover. Commissioner Korral said that she is interested in finding out more about rail and streetcar options in Anchorage.

Anchorage Downtown Transit Center – plans are underway to remodel the Downtown Transit Center. The space would be used more efficiently, but it would shrink down their transit space by 1/3 of their current capacity. The Anchorage Community Development Authority (owners of the Anchorage Transit Center) is hoping to reduce criminal activity at the center by redesigning the space.

Ms. Shiffer also reported that People Mover will be producing materials in other languages (Spanish, Korean, Hmong, Yupik and Russian).

Jillanne Inglis – Working with Jody Karcz (Director of People Mover) to set up a news story about the accessibility of People Mover and Anchor Rides bus systems. Looking for funding implement the accessibility recommendations of the MOA website. Working with the Mayor's office regarding an accessibility conference in Anchorage in June.

VII. Update from the Chair:

Commissioner Ziemer reported that he will be out of town for the April meeting and ask that Vice Chair King chair the meeting. Commissioner King said that she was available to chair the meeting.

Commissioner King also reviewed that ADA commissioner's attendance at the monthly meeting and reminded them of the importance of attending the monthly meeting. This is in order for the commission to complete their goals and objectives. There can only be 3 or 4 excused absences in a given year. It is up to the Mayor to decide if a commissioner needs to be replace for attendance reasons.

VIII) Old Business:

Discussion of ADA Commission survey – The ADA Commission discuss the need and relevance of conducting a community wide survey. Commissioner King proposed that we set up a small working group of commissioners to review and develop a survey. She also stated that we should review the items that were discussed in August commission retreat. Commissioners Yancey and Koral volunteered to review the retreat items and report back to commissioners at the March meeting.

IX. New Business

ADA Planning Celebration in July – David Levy provided information on upcoming July ADA celebration event. The ADA commissioners discuss what they wanted to do for the celebration and as well as the involvement of other agencies. They discussed having a public forum component and specifically invite MOA department to participate in the

celebration. Commissioner King said that she would help with planning the ADA celebration in April.

X. Good of the Order

Commissioner Howell stated that she was willing to take on the social media activities of the commission (working with Kristin to post on the ADA Commission Facebook page. It was suggested that each commissioner dedicated one month to assist in uploading ADA information onto the Commission's Facebook page.

XI Announcements

Nothing at this time.

XIII Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Koral and seconded by Commissioner Yancey. The meeting adjourned at 11:45am. **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at 10:30 am at DHHS 4th Floor Conference Room.**