



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

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2016

I Call to Order

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was held at 10:35 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8th 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 |
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| <u>Commissioners</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Ziemer, Chair• Holli Yancey• Lynne Koral• Britteny Howell• Lynn Kenney• Christine King• Lindsey Davison <u>Municipal Staff</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Levy, DHHS | <u>Commissioners</u> | Jillanne Inglis – ADA Coordinator Eric Musser – Office of Transportation Inspection Pam Basler – Anchorage Equal Rights Commission |

III Approval of Agenda

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

IV Approval of Minutes

A motion to table February meeting minutes until the April meeting.

V Public Comments

None.

VI Municipal reports

Eric Musser/Transportation Inspection – Mr. Musser was pleased to announce that Lucy Ogden was appointed by Mayor Berkowitz and confirmed by the Anchorage Assembly to serve on the Anchorage Transportation Commission.

Pam Basler- Anchorage Equal Rights Commission – Ms. Basler reported that the AERC has issued their annual report and that they are see an increase in age and disability cases. Commissioner Koral asked if there was an increase in ADA housing or

employment cases. She also asked about the status of the accessibility at the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

After review and discussion of the PAC topic, Commissioner King asked that the Performance Arts Center keep the ground floor access open during performance so patrons can access the PAC. It was agreed by the Commission that this is an area that they will continue to monitor.

Jillanne Inglis/ADA Coordinator – Ms. Inglis is working with UAA and ASD on developing city wide ADA policies. She is working with state and local officials on the number of accessible parking spaces needed according to municipal code. She also reported that she is not available to attend the April meeting, but will be at the May meeting.

VII. Update from the Chair:

Commissioner Ziemer discussed the request for support regarding the allegation of ADA violations at the Sears Mall. Commissioner Ziemer, prior to his comments, stated that his firm is working with the Sears Mall and their tenants on the re-model project. He stated that it was determined by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P and Z) that P and Z did not need to review the proposed changes at the Sears Mall. One of the questions that his firm is trying to work out is whether or not a store has to connect to the mall in order to meet accessibility requirements. It is difficult to figure out who is responsible for remodeling and who would be impacted by the changes. There are three separate owners of the building (Sears, the mall owners and the owners of the old Carrs store).

Since this issue has been postponed by the Planning and Zoning Commission, there is no action necessary from the ADA Commission at this time, however, the ADA commission will continue to monitor the action of the Sears Mall remodel project and P and Z commission, and will report back at a later date.

VIII) Old Business:

Discussion of ADA Commission survey – The commission voted to postpone action on a commission survey. Commissioner Yancey and Koral will review the priorities discussed at the summer retreat as well as the February meeting with the ADA commission staff and will report back to the Commission at a later date.

IX. New Business

There was no new business discussed at this time.

X. Good of the Order

Nothing at this time.

XI Announcements

Nothing at this time.

XIII Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Koral and seconded by Commissioner Yancey. The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm. **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, 4/12/16 at 10:30 am at DHHS 4th Floor Conference Room.**