



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

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2016

I Call to Order

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was held at 10:35 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 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• Lynn Kenney• Christine King – vice chair• Lindsey Davison <u>Municipal Staff</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Levy, DHHS	<u>Commissioners</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Holli Yancey – excusedBrittney Howell - excused	Sonya Davis – ADRC Eric Musser – Office of Transportation Inspection Susan Shiffer- Anchorage People Mover Donte Powell – AERC Jacquie Braden – AKDOTPF ADA Coordinator Terry Schoenthal – MOA Planning and Zoning Commission

III Approval of Agenda

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

IV Approval of Minutes

The April minutes were approved as amended, motion to approve by Commissioner Koral and seconded by Commissioner King.

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V Public Comments

None.

VI Municipal reports

Terry Schoenthal/MOA Planning and Zoning Commission – Mr. Schoenthal gave an overview of the MOA Planning and Zoning Commission. The department is divided into

three divisions – Transportation (AMATS, Bike and Pedestrian programs), Long range and Land Use planning group, and Urban Design Commission. The Urban Design Commission provides technical assistance on urban planning issues throughout the MOA. Mr. Schoenthal pointed out that there are two municipal codes that deal with ADA issues within the Municipality of Anchorage – Title 21 which deals with code enforcement from residential facilities to bus stop improvements and Title 23 which is building code improvement and enforcement.

Commissioner Ziemer asked if there was municipal enforcement of ADA design standards for building construction in Anchorage. Mr. Schoenthal stated that this was his department's responsibility to enforce the code.

David Levy thanked Mr. Schoenthal for coming to the Commission and encouraged him to come to ADA commission meetings in the future

Susan Shiffer/MOA People Mover - Ms. Shiffer discussed the Anchorage Talks Transit meeting in Anchorage on May 5th at the Anchorage Museum. There were over 150 people from around Anchorage in attendance to discuss the future of public transportation in Anchorage. Commissioner Koral attended the transit stakeholders meeting on Saturday. The Saturday meeting looked at different scenarios for the frequency of the routes. David Levy pointed out that a change in the core service area could impact or limit the service area of AnchorRides.

Ms. Shiffer also reported that new 13 passenger vehicles are coming in to replace older AnchorRides vehicles. Finally, she announced that Enterprise Rental Car has been awarded the contract to operate the Vanpool program for the Municipality of Anchorage. The new contract will start on June 1.

Eric Musser/Office of Transportation Inspection – Mr. Musser gave a presentation to the ADA commission on a recent study of the use of accessible taxis in Anchorage since the Title 11 changes to the taxi code in 2015. The study reports that there are still not enough accessible taxis in the Anchorage area and that they are not meeting the demand. Mr. Musser pointed out that this is the first time that they had statistical data to back up the concerns of disability community regarding the use of accessible taxis in Anchorage.

The study finds that there have been long delays for taxi service (one hour or more) and a 26% cancellation rate.

Mr. Musser is encouraging the ADA commission to review the data and to relay their concerns to the Anchorage Assembly when Title 11 is reviewed in the fall. A copy of the report was made available to the Commissioners and will be made available on the ADA commission website at a future date.

Donte Powell – Anchorage Equal Rights Commission

Mr. Powell provided copies of the new AERC service animal brochure. The new brochure gives a definition of a service animal; information on where service animals are allowed and exceptions related to service animals. Mr. Powell stated that the brochure will be made available on the AERC website in the future.

VII. Update from the Chair:

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

VIII) Old Business:

ADA Celebration – Commissioner King reported that the ADA celebration committee met and were in the planning stages for the July event. The celebration will focus on local municipal departments and their support and interest in the ADA in Anchorage. The committee will be looking for funding ideas for refreshments for the event as well as providing for ASL interpreter for the event.

Social Media Committee – Social Media Committee chair Commissioner Howell was not at the meeting and did not have any information to provide at this time.

IX. New Business

David Levy will be setting up and sending out a Doodle poll to check on the summer availability of ADA commissioner. The responses will be due by the end of the month.

X. Good of the Order

Nothing at this time.

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, June 14th at 10:30 am at DHHS 4th Floor Conference Room.**