

Municipality of Anchorage AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COMMISSION

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2016

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was held at 10:35 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8 at Access Alaska (1217 E.10th Avenue)

II) Roll Call

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	GUESTS
Commissioners	Commissioners	Donte Powell – MOA Equal
David Ziemer, Chair	Holli Yancey - excused	Rights Commission
Christine King		Jillanne Inglis – MOA ADA
Britteny Howell		Coordinator
Lynn Kenney		
Lynne Koral		
 Lindsey Davison 		
Municipal Staff		
David Levy, DHHS		

III) Approval of Agenda

The November 8th agenda was approved unanimously. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Davison

IV) Approval of Minutes

The October 11th minutes were approved unanimously as amended. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Davison.

.

V) Public Comments

No public comments at this time

VI) Municipal reports

Anchorage Equal Rights Commission – Dante Powell of the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission (AERC) announced that the AERC is hosting a Disability Forum in January at UAA. For information will be available at the next ADA Commission meeting. ADA commissioners were excited about the upcoming forum and encouraged the AERC staff to include a discussion about service animals. Commissioner King also asked that the AERC look at adding transportation, health care and housing vendors to participate in the forum.

ADA Coordinator – Ms. Inglis reported that the door at APD is fixed and is accessible. She also informed the ADA commissioners that she is working with People Mover staff about the lack of access and accessibility at People Mover bus stops. People Mover staff has a concern that non-bus riders were sleeping on the benches and that People Mover was looking at ways of making it less attractive for non-bus riders to use the benches. Mayor Berkowitz and his administration is looking at it as part of an overall homelessness prevention and outreach plan. It was suggested that the ADA commission invite Nancy Burke (Homelessness Coordinator for the Municipality of Anchorage) to an upcoming ADA commission meeting to discuss how the ADA commission can work with the Municipality of Anchorage on homelessness issues.

ADRC – David Levy reported that they are currently recruiting for an Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) Resource Specialist and that he expects to have the position fill by the end of the year.

VII) Update from the Chair:

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

VIII) Old Business:

A) People Mover Route Restructure presentation - Bart Rudolph and Collin Hodges presented an overview of the proposed People Mover route restructure (a copy of the plan was included in the board packet). Commissioners raised concerns that there would be less service in Eagle River and South Anchorage and the new structure would put increased demands on the AnchorRides system. Commissioner King about how the Share a Ride Van program would be used as part of the route restructure. Mr. Rudolph explained that they have a new contractor (Enterprise Car rental) overseeing the vanpool program and they are working to expand and market the program to the Eagle River/Chugiak area as well as to South Anchorage.

Mr. Rudolph asked that the ADA commission review the different options and make a recommendation for the People Mover director to review and consider. The Public Transportation Advisory Board will be holding a series of public hearings in early December to get public comment regarding the plan. The public comment period will end at the end of December and Mayor is planning to review and make a recommendation at the end of January 2017.

IX) New Business

Commissioner Vacancy – David Levy is working with the Office of the Mayor regarding the commission vacancy and hopes to have an update by the end of the year.

X) Good of the Order

Nothing at this time.

XI) Announcements

No announcements -

XIII) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Davison and seconded by Commissioner Kenney. The meeting adjourned at 11:55am. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11 at 10:30 am at Access Alaska conference room.