

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee Minutes

Hybrid Meeting, hosted virtually via Zoom and in person at
Emergency Operations Center for Pierce County
Friday February 10, 2023

Call to Order	Chair Monteros called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM
Commissioners Present	Krystal Monteros, Todd Holloway Kristy Willet, James Williams, Rebecca Parsons, Aimee Sidhu, Tony Hester, Lukas Barfield
Commissioners Absent	Luke Byram (excused) Tony Caldwell (?)
City Staff Present	Rita Moore, Drena Sellers, Ivan Tudela
Guests Present – Community	Julian F. Wheeler
Ice Breaker	Who would you invite to a TACOD meeting: Friends, AI, MLK, Grandmother, Students of Architecture,
Adoption of Agenda	Commissioner Willet made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Holloway seconded the motion. The ayes have it and the agenda was adopted.
Acceptance of Minutes	Commissioner Willet made a motion to adopt the January 13 Minutes; Commissioner Holloway seconded the motion. The ayes have it and minutes were adopted
Public Comment	Julian F. Wheeler: would like help with information and resources for getting awareness to social justice in Northern, ID.

**Chair Reports
(Monteros & Byram)**

Chair Monteros

- Working on legislative advocacy
 - “No Turn on Red” with Disability Washington. Was able to meet Governor Inslee at the press conference; and was on the news
 - House Bills related to Juvenile sentencing and brain development; mental health advocacy for people who are currently or formally justice involved.

Questions to the group: how do we bridge mental health awareness and disability rights?

Liaison Report

Accessible Taxi Report:

Recognizing Commissioner Parson in their continued work on the accessibility report.

CBC Joint meeting with Chief Moore:

Conversation will start with 8-10 questions that have been submitted by TACOC, CIRA, and other commissions.

Wednesday April 26th, 5-7 PM, at Peace Community Center; meeting will be hybrid and the facility is accessible.

64th & Pacific Celebration 2023

Planning is underway

Nomination for City of Destiny Awards:

Members of the disability community have been nominated; would like commission to think about next year of who we could nominate

Question:

Details about the joint CBC meeting with Chief Moore will be sent around?

– Yes. Details are forthcoming. We will send out a save the date.

**Report from
Subcommittees**

Commissioner Caldwell not present for report

**Todd Holloway & Ivan
Tudela** - Access and
Functional Needs Pierce
County

Project that involves Disability & Functional Needs which is working to elevate disability awareness in emergency management.

New position in the State of Washington.

Title: Disability and Access & Functional Needs Coordinator, filled by Tracy Singh-Poole

FAST – Functional Assistance Support Team (name still pending): program

that is being implemented in Washington.

Ivan Tudela - Access and Functional Needs Pierce County

Coming in March: Statewide FAST program which will expand volunteer program to the state level.

Washington State Fusion Center: Training on Active Threat in January; event was successful.

Next Wed: Access & Functional Needs Summit. Trainings on service animals, speakers about language access in emergency response notification, Transportation workshop

Shout out to Tony & Krystal to help film segments for the Access & Functional Training Videos.

Gets approached a lot about the best way to communicate and connect with the people with disabilities community.

- Lucas suggests connecting with commissioner (as long as a quorum is not met) to brainstorm engagement strategies.

Tony Hester – PCAP

Bi- Monthly work group met today. Working on:

- Branding and Outreach Materials.
- Creating an awareness pamphlet Pierce County Communication Department.
- Advocating for a seat on the Pierce Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Writing an invite letter to the County Council.

If you have ideas for PCAP committee would love to hear them. March 30th is the deadline to present proposals to the Governors Committee on Disability and Employment.

Good of the Order

Monteros:

Also attended Pac Highway Meeting (Committee Name: Make Pacific Beautiful; presented at last TACOD meeting). Monteros attended as a representative of Disability Rights Washington. Pac Highway Meeting would like engagement from TACOD. Offers a \$50 stipend to attendees. Goal is to have 25 people represented in the meeting.

- Lucas will follow up on any conflict of interest in attending other committee meetings.

Local story about family who had a car stolen with a wheelchair within.

- There is a way to look at this systemically, with putting caps on the cost of medical equipment.
- Could pose a question to Chief Moore in joint meeting about police response to vehicle theft, and what is prioritized. (Lucas will help form

the question)

Barfield:

Has numbers of various cannabis bills that need advocacy. Has information on how you can comment on bills electronically.

Adjournment

Monteros motion to adjourn
Holloway seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 5:28PM.