

## Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee Minutes

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402

Friday, June 18, 2021

<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m.
<b>Commissioners Present</b>	Tony Hester, Lukas Barfield, James Williams, Luke Byram, Tony Caldwell, Kristy Willet, Aimee Sidhu, Richard Smaby, Todd Holloway, Rebecca Parson
<b>Commissioners Absent</b>	Krystal Monteros, Dylan O’Catherine
<b>City Staff Present</b>	Lucas Smiraldo (OEHR), Samantha Kaauamo (OEHR), Kristi Lynette (Environmental Services Department)
<b>Guests Present</b>	Haley Edick, Ivan Tudela (Pierce County Department of Emergency Management), Julian Wheeler (Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee)
<b>Adoption of Agenda</b>	A motion was made by Commissioner Caldwell and seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried to accept this meeting’s COD agenda.
<b>Acceptance of Minutes</b>	A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Barfield and carried to accept the COD meeting minutes of May 2021.
<b>Public Comment</b>	No comments given.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Guest Presenter</b>	Kristi Lynette of City of Tacoma’s Environmental Services Department (City Staff)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Guest Presentation</b>	Follow up from October’s presentation. Shared local artist illustration. Emphasis on climate justice and connecting to anti-racist systems transformation. Currently in Phase 2 of project, community input on strategies and identifying priority actions and costs. 12 Big Move Strategies need input from commission. 450 survey responses have been categorized into 6 themes. Discussed recent climate changes and how to prepare, carbon emissions outlook, information on climate Vice Chair Byram, Commissioners Williams, Willet, Barfield, Smaby shared comments and questions around electricity, recycling, applying climate lens to Police Department and homelessness plan, bike concerns. Guests Wheeler and Edick asked and shared comments around a possible Forestry Commission and ride share statistics around carbon emissions.

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### *2<sup>nd</sup> Guest Presenter*

Pierce Rapid Transit will come back later in the year.

### *Reports Chair and Vice Chair*

Chair Monteros:  
Not present at this time and will report next month.

Vice Chair Byram:  
Continues to work with University of Washington Tacoma.

*Past Chair Holloway taking over Chair duties at this time.*

### *Liaison*

Mr. Smiraldo:  
City of Destiny awards scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup> and Commissioners Caldwell, Hester and O’Catherine will be recognized. Link to be shared of the event.

Recap of past meetings with Tacoma Police Department. Commissioner Hester reported the second meeting went better compared to the first meeting. Hopeful of positive advancements. PEACE and Reconciliation position hired in OEHR to focus on Police work, Eric Jackson.

Accessible Taxi:  
Contract executed and ready for work. Invite coming soon for Guest Tudela and Commissioners for a future meeting around this topic.

Applications for commission openings:  
Will be working with interested community member who reach out for assistance. The JAWS Reader may not work with our application. Commission Barfield can be a resource to troubleshooting. August timeframe for interviews. Reapplications and new applications will be accepted for review.

### *Commissioner Reports*

Public Works Event reports:  
Postponing event for July or August 2021. Working with Gail Himes of the Public Works department. Commissioners Caldwell and Monterros as spokes persons.

Tacoma School District:  
Working to interview community members for video. TACOD’s youth position (vacant) will be active in this project.

Commissioner Holloway asked what the status and future looks like for staff coming back to the office. Smiraldo and Kaauamo shared return to work plans for staff and future commission meetings.

### *PCAC*

Julian Wheeler of the Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee shared next virtual meeting will take place on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Group is looking at future of in-person, remote and hybrid possibilities of meetings.

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### ***Invitation for Community Input***

Ivan Tudela (PCDEM) shared that the mass vaccine events are scaling down. Looking forward to future projects of emergency response, preparedness, and recovery planning. Commissioners Holloway and Hester shared past partnered work with Cascadia Rising event a few years ago and asked about the future workshop agenda.

Guest Edick shared information on current project of accessible prescription labels. Letter of support could be drafted. One pharmacy is using ScriptTalk as a free service for patrons and some insurances are giving this device for free. Commissioners Byram, Hester, Barfield offered partnering services and interest. Smiraldo asked for information for next meeting and he'll share to the group.

Guest Wheeler working on proclamation for American Disabilities Act.

### ***Good of the Order***

Commissioner Caldwell reached out to Gail Himes and project will be complete around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. After that ribbon cutting event will take place. And please invite family to the ribbon cutting event to honor past commissioners.

### ***Adjournment***

Motion made by Commissioner Hester and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

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