

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

Minutes

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402

Friday, February 11, 2022

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.
Commissioners Present	Luke Byram, Amin Tony Hester, Luke Byram, Todd Holloway, Aimee Sidhu, Lukas Barfield, Tony Caldwell, Richard Smaby, Kristy Willett, Rebecca Parson and James Williams.
Commissioners Absent	Krystal Monteros
City Staff Present	Lucas Smiraldo (OEHR), Reid Bennion, Gail Himes (HR),
Guests Present	Ivan Tudela, Emergency Management,, Haley Edick, David Edick John Halliday.
Adoption of Agenda	A motion was made by Commissioner Holloway and seconded by Commissioner Sidhu and carried to accept this meeting's COD agenda
Acceptance of Minutes	A motion was made by Commissioner Holloway and seconded by Commissioner Sidhu and carried to accept the January 2021 minutes.
Public Comment	None
<i>1st Guest Presenter</i>	Reed Bennion discussed the budget planning process for the city distinguishing between feedback and the more innovative co-design model.
<i>1st Guest Presentation</i>	Key points in the presentation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distinguishing between feedback and the more innovative co-design model.
	Commissioner Questions/Comments
	Q. What is Tacoma's ability to borrow?
	A. Bonding is a part of ongoing conversation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barfield wants budget input sights to be blind accessible• Listen to surveys.• Virtual formats improve accessibility• Embrace participatory budgeting which has secured five millions for demonstrations in each council district. First will be in District 4.• Come to TACOD early to secure input from disability community
<i>2nd Guest Presenter</i>	Gail Himes and David Edick
<i>2nd Guest Presentation</i>	Demonstrated how a blind person could use subscription services of AIRA to navigate airports and other public spaces. The demo was about 15 minutes long and a paid support person was called to help demonstrate and become the eyes of Mr. Edick.
<i>Reports Chair and Vice Chair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Report

Liaison Report

Lucas Smiraldo:

- Feasibility Study presentation postponed until March meeting.
- TPD still consolidating new leadership with chance for input during a summit in March.
- Preparations nearly completed to roll out Closed Caption letter and window clings to all eligible businesses.
- Drive Through alternative campaign will be built as a media campaign with help from MCO and commissioners and volunteers.
- Snow removal concerns for disabled will be presented by Ivan later in meeting
- Gail shared how Valhalla has created walk up window to make purchase more accessible to all
- City can enforce ADA under some municipal codes
- Follow up calls may encourage compliance
- Focus on media campaign and public eye

Guest Tudela shared about pockets of community concern around snow removal and need to build input into future budgeting and staff assignments in Public Works.

Subcommittees Report

Covered in earlier reports

PCAC Report

More outreach and recruitment underway

New Business

Holloway discussed the need for more accessible COVID testing as programs ramp down

Good of the Order

None

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Holloway and seconded by Commissioner Hester to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:07 p.m.