

TACOMA AREA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AGENDA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020 – 4:00-6:00 PM

Remote Online Meeting Via Zoom

WELCOME

- 4:00 Call to Order /Roll Call
- 4:04 Ice Breaker – *“What Is Something You Want To Carry Forward Into The New Year? Or... what is something you want to leave behind?”*
- 4:12 Adoption of Agenda/Additions/New Business
- 4:16 Acceptance of the Minutes from December 2020
- 4:20 Public Comment
- 4:23 Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair and statements of interest (Self Nominations welcome. Vote will be taken in February)
- 4:35 Kristin Lynett – Environmental Services
Sustainable Design and the Needs of People with Disabilities
- 5:00 Chair and Vice Chair Reports Todd Holloway/Krystal Monteros

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5:15 **Liaison Report – Office of Equity & Human Rights – Lucas Smiraldo**

1. Accessible Taxi—Contract is being processed
2. Public Works subcommittee has begun scheduling presentations with Neighborhood Councils. Will decide soon on location for ribbon cutting ceremony.
3. COT and TSD Advisory Group—Will meet soon to schedule two work groups, 1) youth forum and 2) education video planning.
4. Will affordable housing focus group with most recent presenter Elliot Barnett, with commissioners soon to make sure needs of those who are disabled is in the design.

5:30 Julian Wheeler—Report from Pierce County

5:40 PM COMMITTEE REPORTS—CURRENTLY ACTIVE COMMITTEES

- **Accessible Taxi**—Rebecca Parson, Lukas Barfield, Krystal Monteros, Todd Holloway—***(Report Integrated Into Liaison Report Above)***
- **Public Works**—Advisory Meeting Report—Tony Caldwell and other members including Richard Smaby, Krystal Monteros and Luke Byram. ***(Report Integrated Into Liaison Report Above)***

Sub Committees:

City-Led Project Liaisons	Commission Projects
Emergency Mgmt – Todd Holloway with Ute Weber	Accessible Taxi – Rebecca Parson, Krystal Monteros, Lukas Barfield and Todd Holloway
Public Works – Tony Caldwell, Richard Smaby and Krystal Monteros, with staff Gail Hines	Effective Communication: Tony Caldwell, Luke Byram and Todd Holloway
Employment – Dylan O’Catherine and Luke Byram	
IT/Website – Lukas Barfield, and Luke Byram	

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City Events Commission/CEC – Krystal Monteros and Luke Byram	Committees <i>Education and Access Subcommittee will soon form</i>
Anti-Stigma Campaign – James Williams, Krystal Monteros, Dylan O’Catherine	Closed Captioning in Public Establishments – Todd Holloway, Luke Byram, Dylan O’Catherine, Krystal Monteros

- 5:45 Invitation for community input
- 5:50 New Business or Good of the Order
- 6:00 Meeting Adjourned

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Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee Minutes

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402

Friday, November 13, 2020

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.
Commissioners Present	Luke Byram, Krystal Monteros, Lukas Barfield, James Williams, Richard Smaby Todd Holloway and, Dylan. O’Catherine and Anthony Caldwell
Commissioners Absent	Rebecca Parson
City Staff Present	Lucas Smiraldo
Guests Present	Julian Wheeler, PCAC, Councilmember Walker, Councilmember Hines, Tony Amin Hester, PCAC
Adoption of Agenda	A motion was made by commissioner Smaby and seconded by Commissioner Byram and carried to accept the COD meeting agenda of November 13, 2020.
Acceptance of Minutes	A motion was made by commissioner Smaby and seconded by Commissioner Parson and carried to accept the COD meeting minutes of October 9, 2020. Commissioners took turns checking in sharing their favorite memory “on wheels”

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Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

None.

Guest Presenter Guest Presentation

Councilmembers Walker and Hines held an extended discussion to understand the priorities and concerns of the commission. Councilmember Walker is on the Pierce Transit Board and concerned about more accessible services for residents including those with disabilities. She is particularly interested in the accessible taxi work the commission is championing at the moment.

Councilmember Hines works in the Tacoma School District and is concerned for access for students including those with disabilities. He believes that upgrades in instructional design will help every student. Both councilmembers have children.

Several commissioners spoke about their priorities.

- O’Catherine: Would like to change the way we interact with youth with disabilities so as to invite less singling out and more belonging. Can we change the way these youth are initially viewed and can open whole new ideas in the workplace.
- Monteros: Went through childhood in wheelchair and had significant emotional impacts based on the way she was treated. These emotional impacts definitely affected her academic progress. Students need to be listened to more.
- Williams: Accessible taxi is a top priority. Also more work needs to be done to provide childcare at work places for women.
- Councilmembers shared that work is being done in this area by the city in affiliation with anchor institutions including the University and Health Care industries. Jessica Knickerbocker is leading a pilot program for the city.
- Byram: Shared concerns around the intersection near Jefferson Elementary and the need to create a signal for those with disabilities at the intersections of 13th and Stevens. Can we partner with Tacoma Schools on this? Councilmember Hines would like to follow up on that issue.
- Holloway: Billions of CARES money available. Can we use some of those federal dollars for the community?
- Caldwell: Want to schedule a public works celebration event, a ribbon

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ceremony. Also is working to build partnerships with Associated Ministries, and NCS and CED in the city and several staff have joined in subcommittee meetings.

- Monteros and Barfield: Interested in issues that intersect race and disability with criminal justice. Encourage that we receive input from people who speak different languages other than English in our city.
- Smaby: Promote greater outreach so that people with disabilities are heard.
- Hines: Developing neighborhood planning and a mixed use center.
- Barfield: Brought up issues of access for medical cannabis and wants city to weigh in. Look at things from perspective of harm reduction. II 81: decriminalizing of hallucagens Initiative 109: Harm reduction.

Reports Chair

Chair Holloway will submit a written report to commissioners
Vice Chair Monteros is joining up with Disability Rights Washington in a consulting role.

Liaison

Lucas Smiraldo offered his report:

1. Accessible Taxi Feasibility study will be under contract and that contract is in process currently.
2. Interviews for new candidates and existing commissioners was completed and our existing commissioners all responded in ways that impressed the council panel. We will also be welcoming new commission members at the next meeting and each candidate moving forward had a personal stake and interest in moving the needs of people with disabilities forward.
3. Mr. Smiraldo invited Commissioner O’Catherine to share more from the joint TACOD/TPS meeting. This body will be working on an instructional video for a broad cross section and also include specific “asks” to move forward the needs of youth who have disabilities and learning differences.
4. Lucas invited Commissioner Caldwell to share an update from the Public Works subcommittee. Areas of current focus:
 - S. 38th and J and Pacific Ave.
 - Pacific Ave to McKinley,
 - 19th and Union
 - Commissioner Caldwell suggested that our ribbon ceremony focus on J. Street to Pacific Ave and McKinley.

PCAC

Both Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Hester invited commissioners to next PCAC meeting

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Commissioner Caldwell implored members to wear a mask.

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Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 6:03 PM

The next meeting will be held at its regular time on Friday, December 11th.



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Mayor Victoria Woodards and District 4 Council Member and Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Chair Catherine Ushka

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to Bring Forward Resolution Inviting Pierce County Council to Enter Discussion on Public Health Services

--Proposed Resolution to Oppose Pierce County Council Ordinance Number 20-136 Dissolving Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department--

TACOMA, Wash. – At this evening’s Tacoma City Council meeting, the Tacoma City Council will consider a resolution brought forward by Mayor Victoria Woodards and District 4 Council Member and Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Chair Catherine Ushka. The proposed resolution will invite the Pierce County Council to enter a discussion on how to best provide public health services to city and county residents. The proposed resolution also opposes Pierce County Council’s proposed Ordinance 20-136 which would terminate the interlocal agreement between the City of Tacoma and Pierce County and dissolve the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

General information about the City’s response to COVID-19 will continue to be made available on the “What’s Going On” section of the City’s website. Information about COVID-19 is available at [TPCHD.org/coronavirus](https://tpchd.org/coronavirus).

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