**Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee Minutes**

 Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402

Friday, September 9, 2022

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| **Call to Order** | The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. |
| **Commissioners Present** | Krystal Monteros, Luke Byram, Lukas Barfield, Kristy Willet, Tony Caldwell, Aimee Sidhu, Tony Hester, Todd Holloway, and Rebecca Parson |
| **Commissioners Absent** | Richard Smaby and James Williams |
| **City Staff Present** | Lucas Smiraldo (OEHR), Gail Himes, Public Works,  |
| **Guests Present** | Ivan Tudela, Hayley Edick, David Edick, and Julian Wheeler, PCAC |
| **Adoption of Agenda** | A motion was made by Holloway and seconded by Sidhu to accept this meeting’s COD agenda. The motion was passed.  |
| **Acceptance of Minutes** | The August minutes were presented for consideration A motion to approve was made by Holloway and seconded by Caldwell. The motion passed. |
| **Public Comment*****Discussion on MOU with Continuum of Care: Lucas Smiraldo facilitated the discussion.******Reports*** ***Chair*** ***and Vice Chair*** | David Edick indicated that COVID tests have been hard to obtain. He also shared that a rental moving company required him to supply a driver’s license, and credit card and another insurance when Mr. Edick was trying to secure the vehicle on behalf of someone else who would drive the vehicle. He ask that this issue be put on a future agenda.Commissioners discussed the draft MOU with the CoC. Mr. Smiraldo explained that the MOU does not obligate any commissioner to a specific level of participation over a three year period to offer consultation. TACOD members can participate at whatever level is comfortable.A motion was made by Holloway to support the MOU and seconded by Sidhu. The motion passed unanimously.Chair Monteros—Will attend a press conference supporting a week without driving initiative later this month at the corner of 56th and Orchard that will include Councilmember Walker and Pierce Councilmember Mello. Portland Ave project update in October. Chair Monteros will be included in Tacoma Refugee Choir video. |
|  | Commissioner Byram—is rejoining the Center for Independence Board of Directors.  |

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| ***Liaison Report******Comments******Emergency Management Report******PCAC Report from Hester******Commissioner Reports******New Business******Good of the Order******Adjournment*** | **Accessible Taxi and Feasibility Study.**Enhancements are being made to existing information by the consultant with hopes a draft can be reviewed by the end of the month.**CBC Equity Analyst**Has begun improvements to application process and form. Ms. Sellers has been meeting with commission liaison staff across the city in her first month aboard.**ADA Access in Drive Through**—Will be included in Public Works subcommittee agenda.**Hybrid Meeting Discussion**Hybrid meetings and a establishment of mandatory live site will take effect October 1st. Commissioners and staff discussed the challenges and possible sites Pierce Annex campus under consideration.Sidhu--Consider library rooms.Byram and Barfield—Sites at city and Fleet Operations were difficult for Shuttle pick up and drop offMonteros—Location of bus stops for past locations difficult for bus stop drop offs.Caldwell—Safety is paramount, supported by accessibility and technical support.Community member David Edick offered to support the audio portion of the meeting with his expertise.**Upcoming Events****Public Works**Celebration of ADA upgrades at intersection of S. 64th and Pacific to be scheduled for September 28th at a time to be determined at that intersectionGail Himes shared key city staff that should be included. Caldwell will call a planning meeting to prepare for the event.Sidewalk Assessment—Based on TACOD input key city leadership will work with commission and AARP to develop a proposal to assess sidewalk/walkway needs citywide with priority to low opportunity/ former redlined areas. Liz Kaster will give a status on sidewalks at November meeting.* Caldwell—80% of city has curbing which shows progress.
* Holloway—We will need county participation in any initiative
* Monteros—All improvements should take public transportation accessibility into the design.
* Holloway/Monteros—Small streets need to be considered as well.

**Tudela—**Red flag alter, high winds and low humidity creates greater fire threat in next few days. Next PCAC meeting on September 18th**None**Commissioners agreed to meet on **November 18th** in lieu of Veterans Day on the 11th. Moved, seconded and passed unanimously.Mr. Edick’s issue around U-Haul rentals will be taken up at next meetingNoneMotion to adjourn by Sidhu and seconded by Holloway. Passed. Meeting ended at 5:54 PM |