

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

Minutes

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402

Friday, March 12, 2021

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.
Commissioners Present	Luke Byram, Krystal Monteros, Lukas Barfield, James Williams, Richard Smaby Todd Holloway, Dylan O’Catherine Anthony Caldwell, Amin Tony Hester, Aimee Sidhu, Kristy Willet, and Rebecca Parson
Commissioners Absent	None
City Staff Present	Lucas Smiraldo, Samantha Kaauamo
Guests Present	Penny Grellier, Pierce Transit, Julian Wheeler, PCAC, Hayley Edick, Irene Morrison
Adoption of Agenda	A motion was made by Commissioner Hester and seconded by Commissioner Byram and carried to accept the COD meeting agenda of March 12, 2021.
Acceptance of Minutes	A motion was made by Commissioner Byram and seconded by Commissioner Holloway and carried to accept the COD meeting minutes of February 12, 2021.
Public Comment	Haley Edick expressed thanks for the audible crosswalk signal on 19 th and Pearl. Very appreciative to Commissioners Monteros and Caldwell and Deputy Mayor Blocker. Commissioner Byram also gave kudos.
Guest Presenter	Penny Grellier, Pierce Transit
Guest Presentation	Grellier presented BRT Updates and wanted to get input and feedback from TACOD about how to make this project more disability friendly. Commissioners Hester, O’Catherine, Caldwell, Byram, Monteros, Sidhu, shared thoughts around these areas: audio and braille component at stations for real-time information signs, mount ticket vending machines, bike rack location on bus and will it interrupt seating/wheelchair access, date and location of next community meeting, security at stations, Grellier added at different times of the Q & A session that considerations of different bus colors are being made and that the BRT will have Route 1 begin at Commerce.
Reports Chair and Vice Chair	Chair Monteros shared that she met with Disabilities Rights WA Webinar press conference. Vice Chair Byram shared that he attended the Neighborhood Council Meeting at the UWT Language Access Meeting.
Liaison	Mr. Smiraldo gave updates: March 24 th 6 Commissioners met with Lt. Darlington, on Accessible Taxi Contract legal is approving and vendor meeting being scheduled, kudos to TACOD for stepping in when someone is not able to attend a meeting as planned, March 22 nd joint TPS School District and TACOD meeting Discussed nominations for City of Destiny Awards from TACOD, naming outstanding commissioners.
Commissioner Reports	Vice Chair Byram and Commissioner Holloway shared the Neighborhood Council for North End discusses vaccinations and a future ribbon cutting in June.

Commissioners Hester and Holloway will attend a March 20th Pierce County meeting where TACOD will be recognized and receive an award.

PCAC

No reports.

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Commissioner Hester mentioned a grocery giveaway in Hilltop.

Chair Monteros shared a 1990 “Today in ADA History” moment.

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Holloway and seconded by Commissioner Hester to adjourn. Passed. The meeting ended at 6:04 PM

The next meeting will be held at its regular time on Friday, April 9th.