

Minutes
City and Borough of Juneau, ADA Committee
Matt McGuan, Chair
Thursday, January 18, 2018, 12:30pm – 1:30pm
Downtown Library

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Quorum Determination

Mr. McGuan call the meeting to order at 12:30pm. The following people were present:
ADA Committee Members: Ross Douglas, Matthew McGuan, Marianne Mills, Pam Mueller-Guy, and Charlene Steinman
CBJ Staff Representative: Charlie Ford
Guests: Tim Felstead, CBJ Juneau Coordinated Transportation Coalition; and Aaron Brakel, Facilities Manager at REACH

II. Agenda Changes

Ms. Mueller-Guy added an agenda item to New Business regarding curb cuts.

III. Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

The December 2017 meeting minutes were approved with the following corrects:

1. The goal of JCTC is 'wheel chair equipped' taxis, not 'lift assisted'.
2. SAIL provides taxi vouchers when the CARE-A-VAN's are not available.

V. New Business

Curb Cuts

Ms. Mueller-Guy brought it to the attention of the Committee that she has observed curb cuts in town with missing yellow truncated domes, or the yellow paint has worn off.

Open Discussion with Member of the Juneau Coordinated Transportation Coalition

The Committee followed up with Mr. Felstead and Mr. Brakel on the development of the Transportation Plan and how the ADA Committee can assist. Items discussed were:

1. There is a federal requirement, but difficult to meet without additional funding. Mr. Felstead spoke with the Municipal Attorney regarding the idea of tying it in with Docks and Harbors or the Airport permits, but we may not be able to use this as leverage for the taxi companies. Another possibility may be to use the passenger fee as a funding source. There is no known record of the number of passengers visiting Juneau with disabilities, but it could be an incentive to use a portion of the fee. Funding options also include CBJ funding this from the General Fund.
2. There are currently taxi vouchers available for individuals who meet requirements, but not necessarily for disabled people only.
3. Cruise ship passengers can call CARE-A-VAN the day before to schedule service.

4. A critical issue is that many times, taxis that are wheel chair equipped are not available and currently broken down.
5. The replacement requirement for taxis is high, as often as every two years.
6. The Committee suggested appealing to the Assembly that it is the responsibility of the community to provide accessible transportation in Juneau.
7. How can the ADA Committee help in the short term? Inform the Assembly of the problem; possibly survey the taxi companies, asking them if grant funding were available, would they buy a wheel chair equipped taxi; write a letter to the Assembly indicating their discussion with JCTC and recognize that this is a problem; identify funding sources used in the past and show they have dried up; and, collect data on how many days wheel chair assist taxis have been out of service.
8. Main points for the letter to the Assembly: Current vehicles are often out of service; previous funding sources are drying up; typical numbers in Juneau who may require services; and assist business owners / avoid lawsuits. Ms. Mueller-Guy will draft the letter.

Deputy City Manager, Mila Cosgrove

Ms. Cosgrove is scheduled to attend the February meeting. The Committee should send topics to Mr. McGuan that she could address.

Outreach to David Barton, Training Specialist at Northwest ADA Center

Mr. McGuan will contact Mr. Barton. 206.902.0951 – dbarton@uw.edu.

Board Openings

The Committee currently has two vacancies. One application may have been received.

VI. Unfinished Business

Downtown Fire Station Bus Stop Bench

Mr. Ford followed up with Mr. Roger Healy, CBJ Engineering and Public Works Director. Mr. Healy needs more information that the Committee can supply. Mr. McGuan will connect with Mr. Healy.

Discuss Possible Guest Speakers for Future Meetings

The Committee brainstormed for other possible sponsors, including AIA, engineering organizations, and the Chamber of Commerce.

VII. Staff Report

None

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Thursday, May 17, 2018