

Minutes
City and Borough of Juneau, ADA Committee
Matt McGuan, Chair
Thursday, February 15, 2018, 12:30pm – 1:30pm
Downtown Library

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Quorum Determination

Mr. McGuan called the meeting to order at 12:30pm. The following people were present:
ADA Committee Members: Ross Douglas, Becky Harrington (new member), Matthew McGuan, Pam Mueller-Guy, and Charlene Steinman
Absent: Marianne Mills
CBJ Staff Representative: Charlie Ford
Interpreter: Robin Brenner
Guests: Tracy Lee, guest of Becky Harrington and Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager

II. Agenda Changes

The agenda was approved with no changes

III. Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

The January 18th, 2018 minutes were approved with no changes. Ms. Cosgrove's name was verified as spelled correctly.

V. New Business

Open Discuss with Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager

Discussion ensued with an explanation of the role of the ADA Committee for the CBJ, as indicated in the mission: "to offer support when needed for the mission of advising and aiding the City Manager and Assembly to carry out the goals and provisions of the ADA as they relate directly to CBJ".

Also discussed, was how a more informal role may exist of providing feedback for how the community may navigate these services that might require educational components. Ms. Cosgrove currently serves as the Chief ADA Officer to field any complaints that might come to the City, but she does not receive a lot of formal complaints. There are some minor issues related to Capital Transit, and some programs that are audited by the Federal Government, such as the airport, and Ms. Cosgrove answers those questions as part of her role.

Project Playground update from Ms. Cosgrove: There is a movement to increase accessibility at the new playground that is being built to replace the original that was destroyed in a fire. The goal is for the new playground to have an improved ground service that is more accessible.

Trails Masterplan: This could be another area where the ADA Committee could make recommendations, while the Masterplan is under review.

Discuss Draft Taxi Letter to be sent to the Assembly

Mr. McGuan explained that the past role of the board is often addressing any issues the public brings to the Committee, and Ms. Steinman, or other board members, can follow up. He also noted the preparation of ta

letter to the Assembly in support of the Mr. Tim Felstead's work with the Transportation Plan, and bringing additional wheel chair equipped taxis to Juneau.

Ms. Cosgrove recommended the Committee look at the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Regulations and submit a letter to the Assembly before April 5th, which is the first Assembly Finance Committee meeting. Possible suggestions to the Assembly may include:

1. Training
2. Waiving Fees

She suggested they should be prepared to offer solutions, since waiving fees will cost the CBJ money. Other items discussed included asking SAIL if they would want to survey cab companies on their transportation options for those who can't drive for themselves, due to a disability or other reasons.

The Committee discussed creating a resource for visitors to Juneau, of the services offered for different types of disabilities. Flyers could be distributed at airports, ferry terminals, etc.

Ms. Mueller-Guy indicated that taxis are often difficult to get, and the wheel chair equipped vehicles aren't usually in service.

David Barton, Training Specialist at Northwest ADA Center – Visiting Juneau March 20th and 21st

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

Board Openings

The Committee currently has one (1) vacancy. Ms. Harrington is our newest member and has filled one of the other open vacancies.

VI. Unfinished Business

Update on the Downtown Fire Station Bus Stop Bench

No report

Discuss Possible Guest Speakers for Future Meetings

Ms. Harrington is currently a dog trainer for service animals and is concerned that many people don't understand what a true service dog is and the training that is required. She can offer training free of charge, if needed, to any facility, to educate them on how to handle a customer with a 'service pet'. Ms. Cosgrove indicated that it would depend on which facility training would be offered. Ms. Harrington is working towards a "Canine Good Citizen" certification for all service pets, which is a national certification.

Brainstorming for possible sponsors included AIA, engineering organizations, and the Chamber of Commerce.

VII. Staff Report

None

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm

Next Meetings

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Thursday, May 17, 2018