

Minutes
City and Borough of Juneau ADA Committee
Matt McGuan, Chair
Thursday, June 21, 2018, 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Downtown Library Conference Room

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Quorum Determination

Chair, Mr. McGuan, called the meeting to order at 12:37pm. The following people were present: ADA Committee Members: Becky Harrington, Dan Harrington, Matt McGuan, Marianne Mills, and Pam Mueller-Guy.

CBJ Staff Representative: Charlie Ford

Interpreter: Robin Brenner.

Absent: Ross Douglas and Charlene Steinman

A quorum was determined. Marianne volunteered to take the minutes in Charlene's absence.

II. Agenda Changes

Ms. Harrington requested that we add "Bartlett Hospital" to the agenda, so Mr. McGuan added it under New Business. Ms. Mills made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and there were no objections.

III. Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items

There was no public participation.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Harrington made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the May 17, 2018 meeting. There were no objections.

V. New Business

Discuss Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) dog-free ADA trail initiative.

Mr. McGuan contacted Mr. Tom Rutecki from the PRAC who explained the Committee is working on designating a trail as a "no dog" trail. Mr. Rutecki asked for input from the ADA Committee in regard to whether we would support a no dog trail. Mr. Rutecki provided the attached report from the PRAC which shows four possible trails for consideration. Committee members asked about service dogs and Mr. McGuan will check with Mr. Rutecki on this. Ms. Harrington said that she cannot recommend any trails that did not allow service dogs. She suggested that the service dogs should be on a leash on any NO DOG trail. The ADA does not require service animals to be certified. We discussed the possibility of service dogs passing the CGC (Canine Good Citizen) Test. The CGC is different than Service Dog Certification. Twin Lakes and Brotherhood Bridge trails will be recommended as the most appropriate trails for consideration.

Bartlett Regional Hospital did not provide a sign language interpreter.

Ms. Harrington told about her experience going to Bartlett when her grandson was in the Emergency Room. Ms. Harrington spoke with four staff before she spoke with the supervisor; none of them knew how to handle the request for a sign language interpreter or provided the requested interpreter, even though the ADA requires hospitals to provide an interpreter. Ms.

Harrington asked the supervisor to contact Ms. Robin Brenner, the interpreter she knows, and two hours later, Ms. Harrington was able to talk with the staff regarding her grandson. Ms. Harrington offered to train the hospital staff, free of charge, and they expressed interest in this. Ms. Harrington will report back to us. If the hospital doesn't arrange for an interpreter, we will write a letter.

VI. Unfinished Business

Draft Taxi Letter to be sent to Assembly.

Mr. McGuan will include this subject in the Annual Report to the Assembly. Ms. Brenner told us about Juneau Taxi & Tours denying her son rides. He has a service dog.

Service Animal Follow-up Items

The committee discussed the merits of dog parks.

Discuss Possible Guest Speakers for Future Meetings

We suggested Mr. Tom Rutecki as our next speaker.

VII. Staff Report

Nothing to report

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28pm.

Next Meetings

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Thursday, August 16, 2018

Thursday, September 20, 2018

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ADA Resources

<http://www.access-board.gov/adaag/html/adaag.htm>