

Minutes
City and Borough of Juneau ADA Committee
Matt McGuan, Chair
Thursday, July 19, 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 12:35pm. The following people were present:
ADA Committee Members: Ross Douglas, Becky Harrington, Dan Harrington, Matthew McGuan, Marianne Mills, Pam Mueller-Guy, and Charlene Steinman.

CBJ Staff Representative: Charlie Ford

Interpreter: Robin Brenner

Absent: None

A quorum was determined.

II. Agenda Changes

The disability pride parade and ADA committee term expirations were added to New Business on the agenda.

III. Public Participation of Non Agenda Items

Bartlett Regional Hospital's ADA Policies

Ms. Harrington explained her experience with her sister, who is hearing impaired, where she was unable to use a phone to communicate with family members while she was in Behavioral Health. Two incidents over the past two months have been reported to the Committee where BRH may not be providing reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities. The specific departments where the incidents occurred were the Emergency Department and Behavioral Health.

Ms. Mills suggested asking BRH what "reasonable accommodation" would be for a situation such as this for the future.

Ms. Mueller-Guy commented that Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) is often helpful with medical information for people with hearing impairments. Then, discussion followed of a skilled interpreter versus a certified interpreter.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The June 21, 2018 draft minutes were revised to reflect the following changes:

- i. Unfinished Business: Service Animal Follow Up Items: "We support dog parks" was replaced with, "The committee discussed the merits of dog parks".

V. New Business

Annual Report Due to Assembly in August

Mr. McGuan will prepare the report.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Dog Free ADA Trail

Mr. McGuan will invite Mr. Tom Rutecki to a meeting to discuss the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's, Dog Free ADA Trail Initiative. Currently, Twin Lakes and Brotherhood Bridge trails would be most appropriate for consideration, since they are accessible. There was discussion of the need for a "service dogs allowed" allowance, and clear designation, if a dog free trail were to be established.

Disability Pride Parade

The parade is happening on Saturday, July 21, from 3:00pm – 5:00pm in Marine Park.

ADA Committee Term Expirations

Ms. Steinman and Ms. Harrington's terms both expire at the end of August. Ms. Steinman expressed her intention to apply for another term. Ms. Harrington stated she may also need to re-apply, since she completed the term of another member, Ms. Putnam.

VI. Unfinished Business

Discuss Draft Taxi Letter to Assembly

Ms. Mills recommended the possibility of SAIL providing training to taxi companies.

Service Animal Follow Up Items

None

Discuss Possible Guest Speakers for Future Meetings

There was discussion of having Ms. Mila Cosgrove to discuss Bartlett Regional Hospital's ADA policies.

VII. Staff Report

Mr. Ford noted that the Dimond Park Aquatic Center has made improvement for individuals with disabilities to get in and out of the pool.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meetings

Thursday, August 16, 2018

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Thursday, October 18, 2018

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ADA Resources

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