

Minutes
City and Borough of Juneau, ADA Committee
Matt McGuan, Chair

Thursday, September 20, 2018, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Downtown Library Conference Room

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Quorum Determination

Chair, Mr. McGuan, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and 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: Guy Gleason, in the absence of Charlie Ford

Interpreter: Robin Brenner

A quorum was determined

II. Agenda Changes

The agenda was approved with the following changes:

- a. Re-scheduling the October Meeting Date was added under New Business
- b. Ms. Harrington will discuss Kodzoff Mobile Home Park policy regarding service animals under New Business
- c. The agenda item, Charlene Steinman Appointment, was changed to Election of Officers under New Business

III. Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

The August 16, 2018 minutes were approved with no changes.

V. New Business

Annual Report Delivered to Assembly

Mr. McGuan submitted the report and attended the Assembly Human Resources meeting to answer questions. Assembly member Mr. Jesse Kiehl asked if the ADA Committee has any cost estimate for CBJ ADA projects, to which Mr. McGuan answered they did not. There was some discussion of the ADA Committee's role and the possibility of more participation in CBJ ADA priorities and objectives. The Committee agreed that this issue could be brought before Ms. Mila Cosgrove, the current CBJ ADA Coordinator. Mr. McGuan asked if Ms. Cosgrove would be available to attend next month's ADA meeting.

Re-scheduling of the October Meeting Date

After discussion, the October meeting date was moved from October 18, 2018, which is the Alaska Day holiday, to October 25, 2018.

Election of Officers

Mr. McGuan was re-appointed as Chair, Ms. Mills was re-appointed as Vice-Chair, and Ms. Steinman was re-appointed as Secretary. Ms. Steinman has renewed her 3 year term on the Committee.

Kodzoff Trailer Park Policy on Service Animals

Ms. Harrington noted that a friend was approved to live at Kodzoff, but was told she would not be allowed to have her emotional support dog because it is above their size limit. The owner indicated they would need a letter from a psychiatrist, but would still probably not approve the dog.

Mr. McGuan stated that the CBJ is not the owner of the mobile home park, so the Committee cannot take any action, but discussion followed for the possibility of opportunities to educate the public with regard to ADA. One idea was to add links from the ADA Committee website of links/services.

VI. Unfinished Business

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Dog-Free ADA Trail Initiative

Mr. McGuan has not heard anything more on this subject.

Lift Assist Taxi Service

Mr. McGuan indicated that this is still an issue. The Assembly is discussing how to collect taxes from ride share services, such as Lyft and Uber. Taxis currently have a disadvantage since they have to pay airport taxes and Lyft/Uber does not. Taxi companies most likely do not have the funds for lift operated taxis and the maintenance required. There are some grants available from the Federal Government, which are administered by the State. The Committee talked about asking the Community Development Department to explain the process, as it is possibly a way to purchase taxis. The ADA Committee would like to encourage the CBJ to put in a grant application in the January time frame.

Service Animal Follow Up Items

Ms. Brenner stated that taxi's still refuse to allow her sons service dog to travel in the taxi. She noted that there may be training scheduled for taxi companies. It is also noted that the CBJ provides vouchers for taxi services.

Discuss Possible Guest Speakers for Future Meetings

None

VII. Staff Report

None

VIII. Adjournment

The next meeting dates were set at November 15, 2018, December 20, 2018, and January 17, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.