

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

Thursday, October 25, 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 Present: Becky Harrington, Dan Harrington, Matthew McGuan, Marianne Mills, and Pam Mueller-Guy

ADA Committee Members Absent: Ross Douglas (out of town) and Charlene Steinman (jury duty)

CBJ Staff Representative: Charlie Ford

Guest Speaker: Mila Cosgrove

Interpreter: Robin Brenner

A quorum was determined

II. Agenda Changes

Ms. Mills made a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- a. Ms. Mueller-Guy requested to speak about a construction situation in Douglas that lacks a sign as an item under New Business.

There were no objections.

III. Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items

There was no public participation of non-agenda items.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Harrington made a motion to approve the September 20, 2018 minutes as submitted. There were no objections.

V. New Business

Discussion with Ms. Mila Cosgrove, CBJ Deputy City Manager & ADA Coordinator

Ms. Cosgrove first introduced herself, then proceeded to discuss the following topics with the Committee.

Lift-Equipped Taxi's

Ms. Cosgrove said the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant is a possibility for the next cycle, although it is highly competitive. She suggested we draft a letter to the Assembly to request funding, and advised us to be specific about what it would look like. She recommended we would need to send it prior to early March. Ms. Mueller-Guy asked if any taxi company can take the vouchers, and if Juneau Taxi & Tours take people other than those in wheelchairs. Ms. Mills explained that both she and SAIL are on the Juneau Coordinated Transportation Coalition, and further explained how the taxi companies help fill in the hours and service areas when/where Care-A-Van isn't scheduled. SAIL provides both the taxi vouchers and the lift-equipped taxis through a grant from the State.

Service Animals

Mr. McGuan asked Ms. Cosgrove if CBJ could enforce when taxis won't take a service animal. Ms. Brenner shared with the Committee about her son being denied a taxi due to his service animal. Ms. Harrington encouraged Ms. Brenner to contact Alaska Legal Services.

Bartlett Regional Hospital Hearing Impaired Services

Ms. Harrington asked Ms. Cosgrove about service animals at Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH). Ms. Cosgrove suggested she ask someone at BRH for protocols. Ms. Harrington shared the problems she's had at BRH, including the incident in the Emergency Room when she took her grandson and asked for an interpreter. Ms. Harrington called the next day and spoke with Mary, who said she'd speak with the education contact and get back with her. Ms. Harrington offered to volunteer her time to assist in training the staff. Ms. Harrington also mentioned a situation involving her sister while on the Behavioral Health Unit, who communicates via Face Time. The Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) machine helps in a pinch, but is not as helpful as an interpreter. Ms. Cosgrove will look into BRH accommodating people with hearing impairments.

ADA Accessible Trails

Mr. McGuan informed Ms. Cosgrove of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's proposal to have a dog-free trail. Mr. McGuan plans ensure the Committee mails the letter that was written to them.

Construction in Douglas

There is State construction happening by Lawson Creek on Douglas Highway, where the guard rail is gone and there is no warning sign. Ms. Cosgrove asked Mr. Ford to have someone contact the State about this concern.

VI. Unfinished Business

Discuss Possible Guest Speakers and Future Meetings

Follow up in regard to BRH interpreter services and Travel Juneau brochures were mentioned as possible topics for the next meeting.

VII. Staff Report

None

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ms. Marianne Mills