

Minutes
City and Borough of Juneau, ADA Committee
Matt McGuan, Chair
Thursday, March 21, 2019, 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: Ross Douglas, Becky Harrington, Dan Harrington, Matthew McGuan, Marianne Mills, Pam Mueller-Guy, and Charlene Steinman
ADA Committee Members Absent: None
CBJ Staff Representative: Charlie Ford
Interpreter: Robin Brenner, Brenner Interpreter Services
A quorum was determined

II. Agenda Changes

1. The discussion with Ms. Mila Cosgrove concerning Bartlett Regional Hospital's interpreter situation was removed from New Business and re-scheduled to the April meeting.
2. Accessibility at the Field House track was added to New Business
3. Accessible Parking Downtown was added to New Business

III. Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items

Sandy Warner, a member of the public, spoke about concerns surrounding accessibility at the Field House track.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The February 21, 2019 minutes were approved with the following correction:

- New Business: Bartlett Regional Hospital Interpreter Update
Correct Ms. Robin Brenner's class to read "medical interpreting services", instead of "medical translating services".

V. New Business

Accessibility of Elevated Running Track at the Field House

Sandy Warner, member of the public, noted that there is not an elevator to access the second floor of the Field House, where the running track is located. Mr. Ford suggested bringing this up to the Mayor, and requesting the addition of an elevator. Ms. Mueller-Guy added that many people walk at the Mendenhall or Nugget Malls, which are accessible.

Accessible Parking Downtown

Sandy Warner, member of the public, also spoke about how delivery trucks were often parked in the accessible parking stalls downtown. She mentioned how the road construction on Ferry Way has reduced the accessible parking areas, and how they may not yet have been moved to a temporary location. Mr. Ford will follow up on this and check on the status of re-locating the accessible parking stalls.

VI. Unfinished Business

Bartlett Regional Hospital Interpreter Update

Ms. Becky Harrington gave the following updates on the interpreter status at Bartlett Regional Hospital:

1. A Bartlett Risk Management representative asked Ms. Harrington to assist her in making a video regarding working with the deaf/hard of hearing and interpreter services. Ms. Harrington has declined at this time. Ms. Mueller-Guy and Ms. Harrington noted that it is important for the interpreter to understand medical terms, and communication needs to be with the patient, not with the person with the patient. At times, an interpreting machine is provided, but not turned on.
2. Ms. Mills recommended drafting an outline for training hospital staff that also suggests how long the training should take. There was discussion around whether some sort of compensation should be paid to Ms. Harrington for this work.
3. Mr. McGuan volunteered to ask Mr. David Barton, the Northwest ADA Coordinator, if he has any resources for how hospitals typically deal with these issues, working with people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
4. Ms. Steinman volunteered to research the ADA regulations, with regard to hospitals and individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Discuss Possible Guest Speakers and Future Meetings

April's speaker will be Ms. Mila Cosgrove, CBJ ADA Coordinator, rescheduled from March, and Jeannette Lacey-Dunn, with BRH Case Management.

1. Field House Accessibility (Ms. Cosgrove)
2. Accessible Parking Downtown (Ms. Cosgrove)
3. BRH Interpreter Services (Ms. Lacey-Dunn)
4. TAXI – Lift Assisted Vehicles (Ms. Cosgrove)

Mr. McGuan will invite Joan O'Keefe, Executive Director with SAIL, to speak at a future meeting. Topics to discuss with Ms. O'Keefe include the proper terminology for the disabled. Re: handicapped vs accessible.

VII. Staff Report

Mr. Ford will follow up on the accessible parking downtown that was relocated due to Ferry Way renovations.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Dates: May 16, June 20, and July 18