

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

TACID – 6315 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98407

March 10, 2016, 4:00 PM

- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm
- Commissioners Present** Roxanne Miles (Chair), Krystal Monteros (Vice-Chair), Susan Dye, Todd Holloway, Michael Maratas, Devin Myers, Gerrit Nyland, Gary Peterson
- Commissioners Absent** Luke Byram, Sheryl Ellis, JoAnn Fritsche
- City Staff Present** Sandy Davis, Donlisa Scott
- Adoption of Agenda** The agenda was accepted as presented.
- Acceptance of Minutes** Acceptance of minutes moved, seconded and approved with a correction to the Proposed Closed Captioning motion.
- Public Comment** Commissioner Nyland gave a few words of appreciation to Susan Dye who will be resigning from the commission and relocating.
- Reports**
- Center for Independent Living (CFI) Report – Todd Holloway**
Commissioner Holloway reported that the work in our community will have a direct impact on what they are doing in Pierce, Thurston and King county. The employment portion will be linked to new wording and pieces of the Work Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
- Liaison Report - Sandy Davis**
Sandy Davis provided a handout out of the Work Based Learning request form. She reported that Human Resources will be recruiting a volunteer to write the ADA transition plan for the city. If you have any feedback let Human Resources know.
- The Human Resources department is looking to hire a departmental aide for the city. The request for the position was finalized last week. The Human Resources Director will meet with the Assistant City Manager to move the hiring process forward. Commissioner Peterson met with Training Manager, Cathy Journey and Sandy Davis to look at revising Supervisor’s Management Training on reasonable accommodations and the ADA. They want to incorporate a video to enhance the training.



Presentations

Commissioner Peterson will be the spokesperson for the video. Sandy Davis attended a class on communicating with people with disabilities. They are looking to incorporate the training for people that work in customer service positions at various offices within the city.

City Strategic Plan Overview – Chair Miles, Michael Maratas, Sheryl Ellis

Chair Miles provided a handout that focuses on 4 areas from the Tacoma 2025 strategic plan that have a direct link to the work the Commission on Disabilities performs. The document calls out specific areas from the Tacoma 2025 strategic plan and the recommendations of the Commission.

- Focus Area 2: Human and Social Needs
- Focus Area 3: Economic Vibrancy
- Focus Area 4: Education and Learning
- Focus Area 6: Built and Natural Environment

It is the general recommendation and part of the job of the Commission to make sure that persons with disabilities are cared for as these strategies move forward.

Commissioner Nyland stated that it appears the commission is moving towards a human services focus and recommended that we learn more about what the Neighborhood and Community Services Department, and the Human Services Commission are doing. Chair Miles suggested that the Commission ask the Assistant City Manager or someone from Human Services to discuss how they plan to address focus area #2. Discussion ensued.

Effective Communication Committee Update – Luke Byram

In Commissioner Byram absence, Chair Miles reported that their major objective is to send out the applications for the Disability Advocate of the Year Award and to separate for profit and non-profit business categories. Sandy Davis reported that the Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR) will continue to assist with the Advocate of the Year Award program.

Agenda Building – Chair Miles

Andreta Armstrong of OEHR is scheduled to make a presentation April. Chair Miles will contact the Assistant City Manager to determine who on the Human Services Commission they should talk to that can address focus areas #2 from the Tacoma 2025 Strategic Plan in May.

Good of the Order – Vice-Chair Monteros shared an update on her housing situation. Access to sidewalks where she lives is limited and makes it difficult for her to access public transportation. Chair Miles will ask Gail Himes to provide an update at a future meeting on Built



Design.

Commissioner Peterson shared a story of a man he met years ago through Make a Wish. Daylen reached out to Commissioner Peterson recently to do a job shadow. He wants to go to Emory and become an engineer. Commissioner Peterson's colleagues met with Daylen and shared information about becoming an engineer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 5:05

Next Commission on Disability meeting: April 14, 2016

