

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
June 5, 2014 MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

Esther Bennett, Luke Byram, Susan Dye, JoAnn Fritsche, Todd Holloway, Don Izenman, Roxanne Miles, Krystal Monteros, Gerrit Nyland

Staff Present:

Tansy Hayward, Marya Gingrey, William Yi

Guests Present:

Dan Eberle, Barbara Moeller

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order. The agenda was accepted as presented. The minutes of the May 1, 2014 meeting were accepted as presented.

REPORTS:

TACID Report: (Ken Gibson)

- Ken Gibson was unable to attend.

NCS Director's Report: (Tansy Hayward)

- The City of Tacoma's Equity and Empowerment Initiative seeks to achieve equity, including racial equity, within the government and the city at large by identifying and eliminating the underlying drivers that perpetuate inequity. The initiative is still in development.
- The Citywide Strategic Plan will identify a shared vision for Tacoma's future and steps needed to achieve it by 2025. A few ways to get involved are to:
 - Join the online community forum. <http://engagetacoma.mindmixer.com>
 - Attend the community meeting on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center (1500 Broadway).
 - Visit the website. www.Tacoma2025.com
- The City Council will hold a public hearing during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at approximately 5:30 PM in the Tacoma Municipal Building Council Chambers (747 Market St., 1st Floor) to gather public comment and recommendations from residents for proposed changes to the City Charter.
- The City of Tacoma and community partners are still looking for a few more employers to participate in "Summer Jobs 253".



Human Rights Manager Report: (Marya Gingrey)

- Sandy Davis is the City of Tacoma Disabilities Management Coordinator and a member of the Equity and Empowerment Steering Committee. Her role in Human Resources is to ensure employee's reasonable accommodations are taken care of as well as FMLA.

ADA Coordinator Report: (Gail Himes)

- Gail Himes was unable to attend.

Center for Independence (CFI) Report: (Todd Holloway)

- There will be a full-scale emergency evacuation with transportation drill at the Puyallup Fair Grounds and Sprinker Recreation Center on June 12, 2014.
- The High Risk Population Disaster Planning Summit will be held at the STAR Center on June 18, 2014 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- The CFI Youth Transition Program of the State IL Youth Conference will be held at Seattle University from July 20 – July 24, 2014.
- The CFI annual picnic will be held at FT Steilacoom Park on August 8, 2014.
- The ADRC is creating an office in Snohomish County and has asked CFI N&S to assist in developing a CIL/ADRC relationship similar to PC.
- CFI is in the process of recreating a more accessible and functional website for the North and South offices.

Open Forum:

- Barbara Moeller is a recent alumnus of the Tacoma Goodwill program. Barbara stated that she was unable to get employment, despite staying four years with the program. Barbara found the interview process frustrating and says she was never accommodated while working for Goodwill.

Old Business:

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to dispatch the Chapter 1.29 Review memo to the Human Rights Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parking and Transportation

- Commissioner Dye said that the City of Tacoma Parking purchased new software that regulates parking enforcement. This can decrease parking enforcement time and potentially increase ADA enforcement time.
- Commissioner Dye expressed the desire to participate with City Council regarding rideshare and accessible taxi issues.



- The Parking and Transportation subcommittee will meet on the second Thursday of every month.

Marketing and Communication

- Commissioner Bennett asked the COD to spread the word about soliciting more nominations for the Disability Advocate Awards.
 - Commissioner Fritsche said individuals and organizations can nominate themselves by having a colleague or a friend nominate them.
- Say Hey Tacoma is tentatively scheduled for October 16, 2014 at Evergreen State College Campus in Tacoma.
- Commissioner Bennett said that one goal is to create marketing materials to promote the COD.

Employment

- Chair Nyland said that they are looking at job descriptions and job announcements in improving and changing the language.
- Chair Nyland announced that he will present the Chapter 1.29 Review memo at the Human Rights Commission Meeting on June 19, 2014.

Built Design and Policy

- Vice-Chair Miles expressed the desire to look into buildings beyond the City-owned buildings.
- Vice-Chair Miles said that they were looking at classification systems and how to approach them. The goal is to finish by the end of summer.

Stakeholder Group Reports

- Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition
 - The meeting schedule has been switched to a bi-monthly meeting schedule.
 - The goal is to meet transportation needs that are unmet for people with disabilities, low-income folks, and older adults.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group
 - This group is mostly composed of cyclers and reports to the Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition.



Good of the Order/Announcements

- Dan Eberle stated that he is the Chair of the Pierce County Accessibility Committee and that the Tacoma School District created an ADA Compliance Committee to address ADA issues in Tacoma public schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM.

Next Meeting – Thursday, July 3, 2014, 4:00-6:00 PM at TACID

