

# Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

## Meeting Minutes

TACID – 6315 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA 98407

September 8, 2016

4:00 PM

- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.
- Commissioners Present** Luke Byram, Sheryl Ellis, JoAnn Fritsche, Todd Holloway, Roxanne Miles, Krystal Monteros
- Commissioners Absent** Michael Maratas, Devin Myers
- City Staff Present** Sandy Davis, Donlisa Scott
- Guests Present** Gary Peterson
- Adoption of Agenda** The agenda was accepted as presented.
- Acceptance of Minutes** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to *accept the August 11, 2016 COD meeting minutes.*
- Public Comment** Gary Peterson, former COD Commissioner shared that he was going to stay involved with the Commission and would be attending future meetings.
- Reports**
- Liaison Report – Sandy Davis**  
There was no report.
- Human Resources Director’s Report – Joy St. Germain**  
Sandy Davis reported that the Human Resources Director would provide an update on the Closed Captioning project at the October meeting. She also reported that Anita Gallagher who was scheduled to work on the ADA Transition plan has been reassigned to another project for the City Manager’s Office. They have not identified anyone to take her place on the project.
- CFI Report – Commissioner Byram**  
Commissioner Byram reported that Kim Conner was appointed as the Executive Director of the State Independent Living Council (SILC). Commissioner Holloway reported that they are working on a strategy with several states to develop best practices for the state’s plan and the national council’s plan on independent living.
- Business**
- Accessible Taxi Cabs**  
Commissioner Monteros reported that she will contact Gerrit Nyland



and Dan Eberly to learn more about the accessible taxi cab grant. She will provide an update to the Commission during an upcoming meeting.

**Effective Communications Committee Update** – Gary Peterson, former COD Commissioner reported that he attended the NE Neighborhood Council meeting and handed out COD brochures.

**2016 Disability Advocates Award Status – Commissioner Byram**  
Commissioner Byram reported that three nominations were received and two were selected. He made recommendations for the professional category and volunteer categories. Discussion ensued. *Commissioner Byram motioned that the Commission accept the Disability of the Year nominations. The motion was seconded and then carried.*

### **Agenda Building**

- October – Martha Lantz – Open Public Meetings training.
  - Tanisha Jumper – Tacoma 2025 Strategic Plan
  - Commissioner Fritsche – Mental Health Update
- November – Retreat

### **Growing Retreat Topics**

- ADA Transition Plan
- San Francisco Model – The Effective Communications Committee contacted San Francisco regarding their Commission’s structure and would like to discuss their model at the retreat. Chair Miles proposed that half of the retreat focus on what is the vision for the Commission, how does the vision advance the Equity and Empowerment Initiative, and what is different in what we are currently doing. She will send the Equity and Empowerment Initiative Overview to the Commission for review.

### **Good of the Order/Announcements**

Commissioner Byram asked how letters to the newspaper editor should be submitted. Chair Miles stated that letters representing the Commission would need to be voted on and then signed by the Chair. Letters written as a private citizen could be written without any association to the Commission.

Gary Peterson shared that his employer reached out to him regarding the time limit required for automatic doors, and how to make their facility ADA compliant.

## **Closing**

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

**Next Commission on Disability Meeting: October 13, 2016**

