

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
May 1, 2014 MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

Luke Byram, Susan Dye, JoAnn Fritsche, Todd Holloway, Don Izenman, Roxanne Miles, Gerrit Nyland

Staff Present:

Marya Gingrey, Gail Himes, William Yi

Guests Present:

Ken Gibson, Fred Schuneman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order. The agenda was accepted as presented. The minutes of the April 3, 2014 meeting were accepted as presented.

Presentation: Chapter 1.29 Review – Fred Schuneman, HRC Chair

- The Tacoma Human Rights Commission’s reviewed Chapter 1.29 and the Administrative Rules and Regulations.
- The HRC’s Chapter 1.29 subcommittee recommends that a joint committee of staff and commissioners between the HRC and COD is created to further investigate and collect additional information to identify the need for revision and support any recommendation for a revision.
- Chair Nyland said that this will be added as a New Business item for the June COD Meeting.

REPORTS:

TACID Report: (Ken Gibson)

- TACID has completed 30% of their fundraising goal in the 1st Quarter.
- Each week, TACID will hold public meetings from Monday to Thursday, 8:30-9:30 AM to help develop standard operating procedures for TACID.

NCS Director’s Report: (Tansy Hayward)

- City of Tacoma and community partners are expanding “Summer Jobs 253,” which started as a pilot program in 2013.
- The Human Services Commission is in the process of revising the Human Services Strategic Plan. They would like input from Tacoma residents:



- May 1, 2014, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Family Investment Center (1724 E. 44th St, Tacoma, WA 98404).
- COD Commissioners are invited to provide input to the Human Services Strategic Plan on the following dates:
 - Thursday, May 8, 2014, from 2:30 to 4:30 PM at the Tacoma Municipal Building in Room 148.
 - Friday, May 9, 2014, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the Fleet Ops Conference Room.
- The NCS Department's Code Enforcement and Compliance section recently finished a citywide survey of major corridors for code compliance.
- The Government Performance and Finance Committee will hold a public meeting regarding rideshare and taxi regulations on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 from 4:30-6:00 PM at TMB 248.

Human Rights Manager Report: (Marya Gingrey)

- The Fair Housing Conference will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014, at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center.

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

- There will be a fundraising event at Buffalo Wild Wings on May 5, 2014 at 4219 S Steele St, Tacoma, WA 98409.
- CFI will hold a Youth Transition Program from July 20-24, 2014 at the Washington State Independent Living Youth Conference in Seattle University.
- The CFI annual picnic will be held on August 8, 2014 at FT Steilacoom Park.
- The Washington State Independent Living Council has a new Executive Director, Emilio Vela, Jr.
- There are currently five vacant spots available on the Washington State Independent Living Council.
- Seattle & Bellevue CIL, the Alliance of People with Disabilities, has a new director, Kent Mickleson.

ADA Coordinator Updates: (Gail Himes)

- The Media & Communication Office will create a COD calendar within the Looking Ahead Calendar.
- The ADA Coordinator and commission members reviewed plans for the new party deck at Cheney Stadium. Compliance issues affecting accessibility were addressed.
- ADA Coordinator and Chair Nyland met with Tacoma Public Works Director Kurtis Kingsolver and Environmental Services Director Michael P. Slevin III regarding



funding for ADA related right-of-way improvements and changes to procedures for assessing offsite improvements for new development and alterations.

- There is a new construction project called Proctor 28 that is across from Mason Middle School, which will have retail and housing.
- A construction project is planned to improve the sidewalks and curb ramps around Sheridan Elementary School as part of Safe Routes to Schools.

Open Forum:

- Commissioner Holloway emphasized the importance of universal design.

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 increase ADA enforcement time.
- Commissioner Dye will email the subcommittee and determine when and where to hold meetings.

Marketing and Communication

- Commissioner Bennett will not resign as the Marketing and Communication Chair.
- Commissioner Fritsche said that Say Hey Tacoma will not be used to solicit nominations for the Disability Advocate of Year Award.

Employment

- Chair Nyland said that the employment goals will increase the scope of work to include the joint subcommittee work with the HRC.

Built Design and Policy

- Vice-Chair Miles is working on ADA assessments of parks and open spaces with Gail Himes and figuring out another approach to audit new buildings.

A motion was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2014 Goals.

Stakeholder Group Reports

- No report.



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- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Next Meeting – Thursday, June 5, 2014, 4:00-6:00 PM at TACID

