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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

January 9, 2024
10 a.m. to noon
via Zoom

AGENDA

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Meeting ID: 817 3874 2084

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1. **Introductions**
2. **Review Meeting Minutes** December 12, 2023 (attachment 1)
3. **Presentation:** Richard Becker Kitsap County Veterans Services
4. **Updates**
 - a. Week Without Driving campaign
 - b. City of Poulsbo Proposal for the accessible tricycles
 - c. Sea Discovery Center accessible door project
 - d. GCDE proposal to fund outreach activities
 - e. Olympic College Youth Rally
 - f. Advisory Group Work Plan
 - g. Bylaws review
5. **New Business**
 - a. No meeting in February
6. **Announcements**
 - a. Kitsap Public Health District Data Summit Highlights
7. **Delegation of Tasks Moving Forward**
8. **Meeting Dates:** March at 10 a.m.
9. **Adjourn**



Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

ATTENDING: Ranae Beeker, Kris Colcock, Kat Woofter, JR Kinnison, Molly Brooks, Amanda Gonzalez, Jon Jones (Guest), Deborah Weinmann (Guest), Dianne Iverson (Guest), Justin Wing (staff), and Kirsten Murray (staff).

MEETING: Called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Kris Colcock. Introductions were made. JR moved to approve the minutes and Kat seconded. Unanimous vote to approve the November minutes.

Megan Mason-Todd (VP at Skookum) Adaptive cycling projects:

Jon Jones (Vocational Supervisor, Skookum) attended in the absence of Megan Mason-Todd. Jon expressed the need to do something with cycling and accessibility and wants Skookum to be involved. Brainstorming sessions have been held with Zach Tomlinson (CIO, Skookum) spearheading those conversations. Funding from Skookum could be a component in the future but wants ideas from the Advisory group in terms of a plan for 2024.

Ranae discussed how they have re-focused the Advisory Committee with a goal to broaden the horizons next year. Ranae wants more people to be aware of their events, partnering with Skookum to gain exposure.

Jon mentioned the Skookum parking lot for a possible location for next year's Bikes for All event. That idea was perceived positively, as Ranae and Jon will continue to discuss options.

UPDATES:

a. Week Without Driving campaign:

- The Week Without Driving (WWD) sub-committee consisting of Jamin, Amanda, and Ranae will be meeting in January to discuss next year's event. Ranae expressed that they have a good plan going forward, more details to come.
- Ranae spoke with Anna Zivarts (Director of Disability Mobility Initiative Program) about the WWD campaign, she is very impressed with what has been done involving Kitsap County. Anna wants to speak at the February ACAC Advisory meeting to get more involved.

b. City of Poulsbo Proposal for the accessible tricycles:

- Kirsten shared she wrote a draft contract between Kitsap County and The City of Poulsbo and sent it to Kim Hendrickson (Director, City of Poulsbo). Questions about how the billing works and drawing of the funds were discussed. Currently the legal department with The City of Poulsbo needs to review the contract.

c. Sea Discovery Center accessible door project:

- Kirsten shared that her and Bridget Anderson (Director, Sea Discovery Center) met with the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues & Employment (GCDE). They presented a PowerPoint presentation showing how many people they serve, along with videos illustrating the need for an accessible front door.
- Kirsten explained that The Sea Discovery Center is under the umbrella of Western Washington University, but they are only responsible for the program inside of the building. It is clear to the committee that there is no other funding option. They haven't heard back from the GCDE, more details to come.

d. GCDE proposal to fund outreach activities:

- Kirsten shared that she presented on the need to fund outreach in the community, estimating between \$1k-\$2k of funding. More details to come.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Advisory Group Work Plan:

- The 2024 Work Plan sub-committee consists of Ranae, Amanda, and Brent. They will be finalizing the 2024 Work Plan with focus on Education, Recreation, and Cooperation. The goal of the Work Plan is to guide efforts going into next year, making sure the focus remains with creating high level ideas for the advisory group.
- Ranae reviewed the Advisory Group by-laws; focus will be on attendance and participation going forward into next year. Amanda and Molly will join Ranae in the by-laws sub-committee to assure the Advisory group stays organized and on course with what they want to accomplish in 2024.

b. Olympic College Youth Rally:

- On Tuesday, March 19th, high school students from across Kitsap will gather for the Youth Rally for Human Rights at Olympic College in Bremerton, sponsored by the Kitsap Safe Schools Network. The event is attended by student clubs working for social justice and human rights. The day will feature entertainment, opening and closing sessions, and break-out groups. The ACAC will have a table at this event and may be making a presentation. Volunteers for this event would be appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Kitsap Public Health District Data Summit Highlights:

- Ranae provided a summary of the topics involved during the Data Summit open house. The 2023 Community Health Assessment topics included Demographics and Social Determinants of Health, Environmental Health, Healthcare Access, Pregnancy and Birth, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Health Behaviors, Communicable Disease, Chronic Disease, Injuries, and Hospitalizations and Deaths.

- Ranae encouraged members to visit [Kitsappublichealth.org](https://www.kitsappublichealth.org) to review the summary page, containing a wealth of information about the topics.

DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD:

- Deborah Weinmann (Vice-Chair, Non-Motorized Facilities Citizens Advisory Committee) introduced herself sharing that she wants to attend more meetings to better update her Advisory Committee. Deborah expressed shared interest and wants to better collaborate with the ACAC Advisory group. If anyone has any questions for Deborah, you can email her at trailtravelers@gmail.com.
- Dianne Iverson (Vice-Chair, Leafline Trails Coalition) introduced herself sharing that there are 540 miles of trails spread across Snohomish, Pierce, King, and Kitsap Counties. She wants to know how they could better promote these trails, and how the public can gain better access to them in the future.
- Amanda shared her updates on the Poulsbo farmer's market. The application fee is \$20, with the application deadline of February 1. Once accepted, the booth is comped. There is non-profit/community booth space available one weekend a month where they will waive the weekly fee. Amanda will be reaching out to the Bainbridge Island Farmer's market next, more details to come.
- Molly shared the need for ADA updates at the Benedict House in Bremerton. She was asking for ideas on who to contact for grants to better help with updating two ADA bathrooms along with getting the downstairs better accessible. She also expressed the need for a ramp in the basement. Boeing Bluebills was brought up as an option, along with local construction companies, Rotary Clubs, and the Lions Foundation.

NEXT MEETING: January 9, and February 13, 2024, at 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The advisory meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
Ranae Beeker Molly Brooks Kris Colcock Amanda Gonzalez JR Kinnison Kat Woofter Jeff Vinecourt (Excused) Marsha Cutting (Excused) Jamin Mason (Unexcused) Brent Rotter (Excused)	Dianne Iverson, Safe Trails Deborah Weinmann, KC NMCAC Jon Jones, Skookum	Kirsten Murray Justin Wing