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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

November 12, 2024
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

AGENDA

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INTRODUCTIONS**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE October 08, 2024, MINUTES*** (attachment 1)
4. **PRESENTATION:** Dave Rasmussen, Public Educator – Department of Emergency Management
5. **UPDATES:**
 - a. Bainbridge Island Senior Center Resource Fair
 - b. Kingston Resource Fair
 - c. Audubon Society Accessible Walk
 - d. City of Poulsbo Accessible Tricycles
 - e. Sea Discovery Center Accessible Door Project
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Solstice Lantern Walk
 - b. Putting the Social in Social Justice event
 - c. Youth Leadership Forum
 - d. Kitsap Youth Human Rights Rally
7. **DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD**
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Please limit individual comments to **2 minutes**. Written comments may also be submitted to the Committee if this timeframe is insufficient.
10. **UPCOMING MEETING:** December 10, 2024, at 10 a.m.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

* = Indicates action item



Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC)

10:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, October 08, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Kris Colcock called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. via Zoom.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made, attendance was taken.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE August 13, AND September 10, 2024, MINUTES***

MOTION: Angela Cox moved to approve the August 13, 2024; minutes as presented. Ranae Beeker seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Ranae Beeker moved to approve the September 10, 2024; minutes as presented. Angela Cox seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Amanda Gonzalez – Certified ADA Coordinator**

Amanda introduced herself and explained that she decided to become a certified ADA coordinator because she loves history and wants to make history more accessible. History exhibits and museums should be providing accessible physical spaces like ramps, elevators and wider doors along with providing sensory experiences, and sign language interpretation. Engaging with different senses and presenting information in various formats to cater to a wider audience is important.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law in 1990 and was the world's first comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities. The five titles of the ADA include;

1. Employment – Covers employment practices for private employers with 15 or more employees, state and local governments, employment agencies, and labor unions. It requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified applicants and employees
2. State and Local Government services – Covers programs and activities of state and local government entities.
3. Public Accommodations and Commercial facilities – Covers privately owned facilities and places of businesses. It mandates that businesses provide reasonable accommodations to make their facilities accessible to disabled customers.
4. Telecommunication – Requires telecommunications companies that offer telephone service to the general public to have telephone relay service for people who use TTYs or similar devices.
5. Miscellaneous Provisions – Includes a provision that prohibits coercing, threatening, or retaliating against people with disabilities or those who help them assert their rights under the ADA.

An ADA Coordinator is required under Title II of ADA for a public entity with 50 or more employees.

Amanda's goal is to help guide companies to become better accessible. During the summer Amanda performed an accessibility audit and report at the Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network (BARN) in Bainbridge Island. This included a 30-page report documenting each studio in BARN and how accessible they are to people with disabilities. This included the overall space, how high or low something was, and if there were ramps available. These audits provide short term and long term recommendations for the business to become better accessible to all.

Amanda concluded by sharing resources for people that have additional ADA questions. You can visit the [Local ADA Center](#) or [ADA.gov](#) for additional information and resources.

5. UPDATES:

a. Bikes For All Event

- 26 people attended the Bikes For All (BFA) event along with ACAC members and guests Amanda, Molly, Angela, Brent, and Ashley. Skookum and Kitsap Public Health District sponsored BFA, and Central Kitsap Fire Department were a great help with the helmets. BFA was a successful event, and Skookum is interested in sponsoring again in 2025. Amanda shared that many of the community members that attended were engaged and interested in the adaptable bikes.

b. Week Without Driving

- Week Without Driving (WWD) took place from September 30 – October 6, a proclamation was signed by the Kitsap County Commissioner's in early September encouraging all people to find other modes of transportation to get where they need to go for the week. The ACAC will discuss next years WWD during the March 2025 meeting, while the WWD sub-committee will be created in November.

c. Discover Kingston event

- Marsha expressed that the Discover Kingston Open House was successful and although the venue was crowded, she was able to show the Commissioner's pictures showing the lack of accessible waterfront property currently located in Kingston. Marsha feels that there are adaptive possibilities when it comes to accessible waterfront property for easier access, and she is hopeful something changes in the future.

d. Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

- Marsha shared what an amazing experience it was and that she has been wanting to connect with the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe for a long time. Marsha learned about their culture and how access to water is important to their culture.

e. City of Poulsbo Accessible Tricycles

- Justin announced that the accessible tricycles have been assembled. The City of Poulsbo will soon start a testing phase with a small focus group to evaluate their performance on city streets, particularly focusing on the motor and battery

capacity. By the end of the month, the City of Poulsbo will provide Justin with a marketing plan detailing how they intend to inform the community about the accessible tricycle rentals.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Bainbridge Island Senior Center Resource Fair

- Marsha and Kris will be attending the senior center resource fair on Sunday, October 13 from 2p-5p. This is a great opportunity for individuals to learn more about Transportation Services, Emergency Preparation, and Housing. This is also a great outreach opportunity for the ACAC to continue informing people about our mission and what we advocate for.

b. Kitsap Youth Rally

- The Kitsap Youth Rally is scheduled for March 25, 2025, at Olympic College in Bremerton. Ranae, Brent, and Angela will form a sub-committee and create a presentation in January to ensure they are prepared.

c. Youth Leadership Forum

- Marsha spoke about the Youth Leadership Forum presented by the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE) that will take place on August 1, 2025, from 1-4p. This forum is a six-day leadership training program for upcoming high school juniors and seniors with disabilities.
- Delegates are selected from around the State of Washington to cultivate leadership, and citizenship skills while having fun and making friends. There will be virtual listening parties around the state with break out rooms available on Zoom with a focus on advocacy. Marsha suggested that the ACAC host a listening party aimed towards bringing youth with disabilities together. The ACAC will be marketing this forum at the Kitsap Youth Rally.

d. ACAC expectations

- Kris emphasized the importance as an ACAC member to attend meetings on a regular basis to help facilitate action, provide different solutions, volunteer in the community, and to provide a platform for people with disabilities.

7. DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD

- A Week Without Driving sub-committee will need to be created for next years event. The sub-committee will be determined during the November meeting.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kris reminded the group to make it known in November if anyone is interested in running for Chair or Vice-Chair of the ACAC. Voting will take place during the December meeting.

- October 15 is White Cane Day, which honors the white cane as a symbol of independence and the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired. There will be a White Cane Walk on October 13 from 11a-3p which will include an accessible gaming lab, and a cane drive sponsored by You Cane Give.
- The Kitsap Audubon Society is sponsoring an Accessible to all Clear Creek Trail Birdability walk in Silverdale on October 26 from 10a-1p where you can learn about local birds and engage with the people of the Audubon Society.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment this month.

9. UPCOMING MEETING: November 12, 2024, at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The ACAC meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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ATTENDANCE		
MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Present</u></p> <p>Marsha Cutting Kris Colcock Angela Cox Brent Rotter Amanda Gonzalez Molly Brooks Ranae Beeker</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Absent</u></p> <p>Jeff Vinecourt (excused) JR Kinnison (unexcused) Kat Woofter (unexcused) Gayle Pasi (excused) Jamin Mason (unexcused)</p>	<p>Maria Fergus, Kitsap Public Health District Equity Program Ashley Jones, Community Advocate Julien Thorn, Customer Experience Manager – Zev Co-op</p>	<p>Justin Wing</p>