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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

March 11, 2025
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

AGENDA

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253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 860 7678 1072 | Passcode: 024088

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVAL OF THE February 11, 2025, MINUTES* (attachment 1)

4. Jean Kim – Senior Planner, Puget Sound Regional Council

5. UPDATES:

- a. Kitsap Youth Human Rights Rally
- b. Walks For All
- c. Bikes For All Event
- d. Week Without Driving
- e. Clear Creek Trail Ride
- f. Right to Repair Wheelchair Bill
- g. Sea Discovery Center Accessible Door Project
- h. Portable Ramp Rentals

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Developmental Disabilities Resource Fair
- b. Accessibility Assessment

7. DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please limit individual comments to **3 minutes**. Written comments may also be submitted to the Committee if this timeframe is insufficient.

10. UPCOMING MEETING: April 8, 2025, at 10 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

* = Indicates action item



Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC)

10:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Brent Rotter called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. via Zoom.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF THE January 14, 2025, MINUTES***

MOTION: Marsha Cutting moved to approve the January 14, 2025; minutes as presented. Ranae Beeker seconded. Motion carried.

4. **UPDATES:**

a. Kitsap Youth Human Rights Rally

- The Kitsap Youth Human Rights Rally takes place on March 25, 2025, from 8a-1:20p at Olympic College in Bremerton. Brent will be holding a Zoom meeting on February 18 from 10a-11:30a with the Human Rights Planning Committee to discuss presentation details and next steps. This year's focus is on visible and non-visible disabilities with an emphasis on youth.

b. Walks For All

- Ranae shared that on April 1, 2025, she will participate in a review walk at Harper Park in Port Orchard at 3p. The intention of the review walk is to test out the trails before a larger group participates in the guided walk. The official walk at Harper Park is scheduled on April 26, 2025, from 1-3p, and will include an historian as a guide. Updates to follow during the March meeting.

c. Bikes For All Event

- Ranae met with Megan Mason-Todd, Vice President of Workforce Development at Skookum to discuss the Bikes For All event. A day has yet to be decided but this year's event will be combined with a Resource Fair to attract more members of the community and to provide useful resources to everyone that participates.

d. Week Without Driving (WWD)

- Angela and Ranae will be meeting with Ruth Rosas, Program Manager at America Walks on February 26, 2025, to discuss WWD 2025, which runs from September 29 to October 5. This meeting will begin the planning process for this year's event, which includes organizing staff participation, inviting elected officials to participate, providing open-source resources, and supporting any troubleshooting that might arise along the way.

e. Clear Creek Trail Ride

- The Clear Creek Trail Ride is scheduled on July 12, 2025, from 12p-2p in Silverdale. The ACAC already has supplies for this event ready to go.

f. Emergency Management

- Ranae noted that Dave Rasmussen is excited to work with the ACAC on expanding Emergency Management (EM) awareness, but she is concerned with the lack of organization so far. Dave is currently working in the West Bremerton area to gauge what EM looks like to them. He is using West Bremerton as his pilot area to expand awareness and adopt a plan of action in situations where services are cut off due to an emergency.

g. Right to Repair

- Marsha updated the group about senate bill 5680, which would establish a right to repair for mobility equipment such as wheelchairs for persons with physical disabilities. This bill would give authorization for individuals or businesses that are unaffiliated with an original equipment manufacturer the right to offer diagnosis, maintenance, or repair on behalf of the original equipment manufacturer. Currently there is an anti-tying provision which prohibits manufacturers from using access to warranty coverage as a way of obstructing consumers ability to have their equipment maintained or repaired using a third-party replacement parts and independent repair shops.
- Marsha will be attending the public hearing related to senate bill 5680 on February 14, 2025, from 10:30a-12:30p, to provide her public comment in support of this bill. More details to come.

h. Sea Discovery Center (SEA) Accessible Door Project

- Justin shared that South Sound Electrical and Dahl Glass have been working with Bridget Anderson at SEA to prepare for the installation of an accessible front door. As this project nears its March 31 completion Bridget is hopeful to have the accessible front door scheduled and installed by the middle of March.

i. Portable Ramp Rentals

- Justin is working with Peninsula Alliance to determine a plan to add more information about the portable ramps to their website. Ideally, if someone in the community wants to utilize the portable ramps, they can visit Peninsula Alliance's website and have the information needed on who to contact and where to go to rent the ramps. Justin reached out to the CEO of Peninsula Alliance, Kim Bushnell in hopes to collaborate with her to create a plan moving forward.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee

- Deborah Weinmann with the Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee (NMFC) presented information regarding the appeal of the Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park Site Development Activity Permit (SDAP) North End parking lot and accessible path project along with discussing the draft Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan. Highlights included:
 - i. The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) is appealing the plan to expand trails and access near the North End parking lot at Heritage Park. If anyone is interested in receiving updates as an “Interested Party” you can visit the following link. [Interested Party Updates](#). The permit number associated with the project that is needed on the form is: #24-05251.
 - ii. The PROS plan serves as a strategic plan for managing and enhancing the County’s park and recreation services while ensuring that the County remains eligible for state outdoor recreation funding. Kitsap County Parks is seeking public input on the PROS Plan draft between February 10 – March 16, 2025. You can review the [PROS Plan draft](#) and submit your comments utilizing the [comment form](#). There is also an upcoming presentation scheduled on February 20 at the Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners Chambers in Port Orchard from 5p-6:30p. This will include a brief presentation, an overview of the PROS Plan draft, and time for questions and answers.

b. Accessibility Assessment

- Tabled until the March meeting. Kris was unable to attend and speak about this.

6. DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD

- Brent and Ranae will be presenting for the East Bremerton Rotary Club on April 9, 2025, at McCloud’s in Bremerton. The topic is Accessibility for the Mobility Impaired in Kitsap County and the opportunities within the community that are available.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Justin informed the group about the state budget deficit of around \$10-12 billion dollars that will affect new ACAC projects in the near term. More information to come once the deficit becomes official.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

9. UPCOMING MEETING: March 11, 2025, at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The ACAC meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

* = Indicates action items

ATTENDANCE		
MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
<u>Present</u> Marsha Cutting Angela Cox Brent Rotter Ranae Beeker Molly Brooks James (JR) Kinnison Kat Woofter <u>Absent</u> Kris Colcock (excused) Amanda Gonzalez (unexcused) Nancy Tietje (excused)	Cindy Logan – Kingston Community Advisory Committee Hannah Anderson – Port Gamble Grant Writer Deborah Weinmann – Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee	Justin Wing