



**DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
NOTICE AND MEETING MINUTES**

February 10, 2022 - 12:00-1:00 PM

Zoom Meeting and City Hall Back Conference Room, 1134 F St. Lewiston, Idaho 83501

Members Attending: Eric Peterson, Mark Havens, Mike Feeney, Ged Randall, Constance Vance

Members Not Attending: Christina Stevenson

Non-Members Attending: Dustin Johnson, Nikki Province, Leah Burris

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Meeting to called to order at 12:00pm. Vice Chairperson Eric Peterson delegates leading the meeting to Mr. Ged Randall.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- A. None.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE – Public Works Director Dustin Johnson will be updating the Commissioners on where the City is in the process of amending the Capital Improvement Plan.

- i. Mr. Johnson states that updating the Capital Improvement Plan is an annual process and it has been open for public comment. He states they did receive comments from the public and staff, they will consolidate those comments and share with City Council. He states their data aligns with public opinion which is reassuring. He asks the commission if there are any questions and there are none.

- B. ADA TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE – DAC needs to provide a list of major issues they addressed in 2021 for the 2021 Lewiston ADA Transition Plan Annual Report.

- i. Mr. Randall lists several items DAC worked on in 2021 which included the recommendation they made on Major Remodel Code, creation of the DAC warming shelter goal, recommendation to City Council regarding warming shelter funding, Capital Improvement Plan recommendations to Public Works, discussion with Lewiston Police Department regarding homelessness, and receiving Open Meeting law training. Mr. Johnson hopes to have a draft of the ADA Transition Plan Annual Report for DAC next month for them to adopt.

IV. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Minutes from January 13, 2022 – *action item*

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- i. Mr. Havens motions to approve the January 13, 2022 minutes. Mr. Feeney seconds the motion. All members vote to approve the minutes.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – *action item*

- i. Mr. Feeney nominates Mr. Randall for Chairman and Mr. Peterson for Vice Chairman. Mr. Havens agrees with these nominations. All members vote to approve Mr. Randall as Chairman and Mr. Peterson as Vice Chairman.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Mr. Feeney states it was previously discussed to attend the Attorney General’s Open Meeting Road Show training. He suggests dedicating a meeting to watching it together.
- B. Mr. Randall states he does not believe a final response from the Legal department regarding sub-committees was ever received. Mr. Peterson states he requests DAC request from the Mayor, not the Legal department, a written memorandum with an opinion on sub-committees and open meeting laws. Mr. Peterson makes a motion to request from the Mayor that Legal issue a written opinion. Mrs. Burris states this is not an active agenda item and recommends putting it on next month’s agenda as an action item. Mr. Peterson responds stating “bullshit.” Mr. Randall states he agrees with Mrs. Burris about waiting until next month’s agenda but agrees with Mr. Peterson about making the request to the Mayor. Mr. Peterson still requests a motion, second, and vote for the purpose of putting it in the minutes with no binding effect just clarify where DAC stands. Mr. Randall asks for a raise of hands for a vote and Mr. Peterson raises his hand. Mr. Havens states the opinion provided by the Legal department is not consistent with past practice of other organizations. Ms. Province states she would be happy to contact Legal again about providing their opinion via email. Mr. Peterson states that would be a waste of time as Legal provided their opinion in a previous meeting. Mr. Randall states the topic will be brought for a vote at next month’s meeting and asks Ms. Province to bring any information from Legal she can gather. Mr. Feeney states as the Mayor is not a lawyer and therefore DAC would not request a legal opinion but instead to make a policy decision. Mr. Randall states that is what will be discussed next month’s meeting.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Ms. Vance states DAC’s City Council Liaison Hannah Liedkie wanted to attend but is at a conference in Boise.
- B. Mr. Peterson states he is involved with a Statewide Caregivers Alliance and they have been going through budgetary actions that have been going on in the residential and shelter homes arena and it has been good news all around. There have been increases in funding which is a change from the past and there are differences being made. Mr. Randall asks if there is someone at the state building who may have more information

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about that. Mr. Peterson states there are people with the State that would be knowledgeable and could probably present at a future meeting.

- C. Mr. Havens asks Ms. Province if there have been any applications to fill the vacant DAC position. Ms. Province states there are currently no applications but asks the commissioners to reach to people they know that may be interested. Mr. Randall asks if it has been advertised. Ms. Province says there are a handful of vacancies across all the boards and commissions and they are all being advertised. Mr. Havens states he would like to have a section on future agendas for Staff Comments. Lastly, he states it is still required that at least one commission member attend in person and it is becoming challenging being the only person that attends in person since he does have conflicts occasionally. He asks that other commission members please begin attending in person again. Mr. Randall states as Chairman he will attend in person as he sees it as his responsibility and will arrange in the future to attend in person. Mr. Peterson reminds the group that attending via Zoom is an accommodation that could need to be made to potential commission members.
- D. Ms. Province states she spoke with City Directors about attending DAC meetings and Library would be available to attend in April. Mr. Randall states it would be great to have them on April's agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

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