



DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2022 - 12:00-1:00 PM

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

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

Members Not Attending: None

Non-Members Attending: Gabe Iacoboni, Dustin Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Hannah Liedkie, Nikki Province, Leah Burris

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting called to order at 12:03pm.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. Gabe Iacoboni is the president of the Adult Resource Center and is here to provide an update on the center. At the last Plan and Zoning Meeting, a conditional use permit was granted to the Adult Resource Center. 111 individuals have been served so far. They plan to have the center open from 7pm – 7am except those connecting with a resource program coming in can stay until 11am. They have plans for the building to increase security, such as cameras, and will have to have a staff member on site 24/7.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. ADA TRANSITION PLAN 2021 UPDATE

i. Public Works Director Dustin Johnson reviews the purpose of an ADA Transition Plan and what it contains. The Transition Plan requires an annual update to show what projects and efforts the City has made in an effort to be compliant with ADA requirements. Mr. Johnson states the draft that was provided to DAC was very much a draft and still has some polishing that needs to be done. Mr. Johnson opens the discussion to thoughts, reviews, and suggestions. Chairman Randall suggests a note that current DAC members can be found on the City's website. Mr. Havens states it seems as though there may be regular presentations from City staff at DAC meetings and asks if that information will be in the Transition Plan. Mr. Johnson states sometimes a project that was not identified in the original Transition Plan will still be included in the plan update. Mr. Havens states even "soft projects," such as updating a policy or webpage, should also be included in the reports. Mr. Johnson states that is why it is important for him to attend these meetings, so he hears about things he may not otherwise know about. Chairman Randall suggests to Ms. Province that she share with City Leadership that when the budget process comes around, departments label their expenses as ADA. Ms. Province states she can share that. Mr. Johnson states he does have earmarked budget for ADA related projects. Mr. Feeney asks if there is any mechanism in



the report for departments to submit a periodic written report on what they have done in an attempt to satisfy the Transition Plan throughout the year. Mr. Johnson states he is not aware of a tool that specific but the annual update is meant to serve that purpose. Chairman Randall suggests that be discussed with Directors. Mr. Johnson states the City has been working towards keeping projects transparent as far as progress. Mr. Peterson states the Transition Plan does not focus on staff training which it could. Ms. Lynn Johnson states the Library has been reporting projects, such as the rooftop garden which was made ADA accessible and braille room identifiers, are being reported to Community Development. Chairman Randall suggests there should be a point person to collect that data. Councilor Liedkie states that could also be tracked in the upcoming strategic planning software. She also adds the City should have a plan to reduce liability.

B. LEWISTON CITY LIBRARY PRESENTATION

- i. Library Director Lynn Johnson introduces herself to the group. She states her building is one of the newest City buildings and it is very compliant physically, so they have focused more on the “soft” ADA issues. The last few years they have focused on how to make the Library and its services more accessible for all. The library has been pursuing two grants and has looked at these grants as a way to make the library more accessible. Ms. Johnson reviews all of the materials and modifications they have throughout the building to make the library more accessible and user friendly. Ms. Johnson reviews some of the items they have added to the library that have made a huge improvement, such as a vibro acoustic platform. Ms. Johnson reviews the talking book service which is a free service that allows books to be listened to, and a lot of people do not realize these services are available. The library has also increased the number of braille books and has a home bound service available. Ms. Johnson states she is always open to suggestions on more ways of increasing accessibility to the library and its services. Mr. Havens commends Ms. Johnson on what she and the Library have done and she should be a role model for all of the other departments. Mr. Havens asks what area the book mobile will serve. Ms. Johnson states it is a little different than the previous book mobile that used to be in the area and will have a lot of great capabilities. She hopes to be able to provide greater services than just delivering books, but to do things like story time in the park, book clubs at retirement homes, and more events out in the community that will also allow citizens to check out books at those events. There is another book mobile that will serve our greater areas, such as Nez Perce County, which is great because the City’s must stay within city limits. Mr. Havens asks which staff will be in charge of it. Ms. Johnson states she hopes the Youth Librarian as well as the Adult and Outreach Services Librarian which is currently being recruited for. She states the library is also developing a form so the book mobile can be requested at specific events.

C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING PRESENTATION



- i. A representative from the Area Agency on Aging was not able to attend today and will present at a future meeting instead.

IV. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Minutes from March 10, 2022

- i. Mr. Havens suggest one tiny correction of removing the comma between "Hannah Liekdie" and motions to approve the minutes with that one correction. Ms. Vance seconds the motion and the minutes are approved.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Chairman Randall suggests asking the Parks and Recreation Department to attend a future meeting to discuss programs, playground, etc.
- B. Chairman Randall states he had an email conversation with the Mayor regarding DAC's powers and duty's and staff interactions. Because of that interaction, Chairman Randall would like DAC to review City Code in reference to DAC.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Mr. Havens asks if the mission can be added back to the agendas.
- B. Mr. Havens states Interlink is hosting a town hall on April 27th from 2-5pm at the Valley Community Center to discuss and plan for the next 10-20 years when the senior population will increase. It will be a dialogue and opportunity to begin brainstorming. He states all are welcome to attend.

VII. STAFF LIASON COMMENTS

- A. None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting adjourned at 1:01pm

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