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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

October 08, 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 August 13, AND September 10, 2024, MINUTES***
(attachments 1 and 2)
4. **PRESENTATION:** Amanda Gonzalez, Certified ADA Coordinator
5. **UPDATES:**
 - a. Bikes For All event
 - b. Week Without Driving
 - c. Discover Kingston event
 - d. Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
 - e. City of Poulsbo Accessible Tricycles
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Bainbridge Island Senior Center Resource Fair
 - b. Kitsap Youth Rally
 - c. Youth Leadership Forum
 - d. ACAC expectations
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:** November 12, 2024, at 10 a.m.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

* = Indicates action item



Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

10:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Kris Colcock called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. via Zoom.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF THE June 11, 2024, MINUTES***

MOTION: Amanda Gonzalez moved to approve the June 11, 2024; minutes as presented. Marsha Cutting seconded. Motion carried.

4. **PRESENTATION: Amanda Gonzalez, Certified ADA Coordinator**

Amanda Gonzalez will be presenting during the October advisory meeting.

5. **UPDATES:**

a. Clear Creek Trail Ride

- Ranae shared that five people attended this year with Kitsap Transit bringing swag for the attendees. Ranae suggested more advertising and marketing be done to benefit next year's event in hopes to boost attendance and awareness. Kitsap County Commissioner Christine Rolfes attended and would like to see more of these events in the future.

b. Farmers Markets – Brent Rotter

- Brent shared that this year's Farmers Markets were relatively successful and that everyone enjoyed having the ACAC attend and bring knowledge to the community about the ACAC's mission. Brent felt that the information cards and marketing materials that were handed out to the attendees will benefit the ACAC in the long term.

c. Pacific Islander Fair

- Ranae shared that although the Pacific Islander Fair was a great event, sand was an accessibility issue throughout the day. Ranae would like the ACAC to partner with the Pacific Islander Fair coordinators for next year's event to help ensure the fair is more accessible to all. Ranae noted that not only did wheelchairs continue to get stuck in the sand, guests with strollers and other mobility issues were having a difficult time, too.

d. City of Poulsbo Accessible Tricycles

- Justin shared that the City of Poulsbo has received the storage shed and has ordered the tricycles with an estimated arrival by the end of August. The City of

Poulsbo has been working on operating manuals, procedures, marketing materials, and other internal documents for the program. The City of Poulsbo anticipates by the September reporting period that the rentals will be live, and participant data and demographics will be collected and reported.

e. Sea Discovery Center Accessible Door Project

- Justin shared that new estimates have been made and are being finalized. Justin and Kelly have met with Bridget Anderson (SEA Discovery Center) to ensure that this project remains on budget and that construction can begin once the contract is signed.

f. Portable Ramps Rental Report

- Justin shared that from December 2023 – January 2024 Peninsula Alliance had one ramp rental. From January 2024 – June 2024, they had six ramp rentals. Peninsula Alliance is averaging roughly one ramp rental a month through the first part of 2024.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Bikes For All Event

- The Bikes For All event takes place on September 13 from 3p-7p at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds Sheep Barn located in Bremerton. The Outdoors for All Foundation has partnered with the Bikes For All event this year and will be bringing a van full of adaptive bikes to utilize as long as each rider has a helmet. Skookum has paid for the fees for this year's event, pizza and water will be served to the attendees. Other partners include the Kitsap Public Health District and Olympic College while Ranae shared that Easterseals is also interested in partnering. More details to come.

b. Week Without Driving (WWD) Campaign

- Amanda shared that the WWD sub-committee met in June to discuss going forward with proclamations for the campaign in hopes to better promote WWD. Amanda will be sending an email to the WWD sub-committee members to schedule a meeting for the end of August as the event nears. Amanda wants to start to push forward and secure proclamations ensuring the WWD campaign is well-attended and successful.

c. Right to Repair and Repair Café

- Mobility Works hosted a Wheelchair Repair Café on July 13 for individuals needing assistance fixing their manual wheelchairs. The event was hosted by The Here and Now Project and presented by their Disability Advocacy Coalition Committee in hopes to bring community members together to help repair wheelchairs for people that are unable to do so.

- Marsha announced that Olympic Pharmacy in Gig Harbor supports a Wheelchair only Right to Repair Bill. This Bill would give Washingtonians the ability to fix their own wheelchairs utilizing expanded access to manufacturers spare parts, physical and software tools, and diagnostic and schematic information needed for repairs. This would also give people the option to choose small repair shops rather than needing to go through large manufacturers, which in turn would cost more and take additional time for repairs.

d. Disability Pride 2025

- Marsha requested that the ACAC create a Disability Pride sub-committee for next year. The ACAC missed out on Pride 2024 as the event was booked. Marsha wants to think ahead and have a plan of action going into next year, 2025.

7. DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD

- Amanda will be scheduling a Week Without Driving (WWD) sub-committee meeting for the end of August to discuss proclamations as the campaign nears.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Juneteenth took place on June 15 beginning at the Norm Dicks building in Bremerton at 10a leading to Evergreen Park for the Freedom Festival. Amanda, Brent, Marsha, and Molly all attended Juneteenth sharing that it was a well-attended event. The ACAC had a spot on a concrete pad, which made it easier to interact with all of the attendees.
- Dianne Iverson, Vice Chair of Leafline Coalition shared information about the North Sound to Olympics (NSTO) Trail Planning Study. Currently there are 560 miles of paved trails that exist but are not currently connected to each other. These gaps have been identified as accessibility issues that need to be addressed. This study ultimately will help provide advance analysis of the NSTO shared-use path concepts identified and documented from prior outreach and planning efforts. This study will inform Kitsap County Public Works prioritization of path projects in the development of the County's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Annual Construction Program. During this process, the Board of County Commissioners conducts formal public hearings where the public can provide input and suggestions for projects.
- Marsha spoke briefly about the Youth Leadership Forum presented by the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE) that will take place in early August 2025 at the Dumas Bay Retreat Center in Federal Way. This forum is an innovative 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 watch parties around the state with break out rooms available on Zoom for anyone unable to attend in person. More details to come.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment this month.

9. UPCOMING MEETING: September 10, 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
<u>Present</u> Ranae Beeker Marsha Cutting Kris Colcock Brent Rotter Amanda Gonzalez	Annie Chatman, Customer Service Lead at Kitsap Transit Angela Cox, Autism Resources Navigator at Holly Ridge Center Stuart Heslop, Grant Writer in Port Gamble	Justin Wing
<u>Absent</u> Jeff Vinecourt (excused) JR Kinnison (unexcused) Kat Woofter (unexcused) Molly Brooks (unexcused) Gayle Pasi (unexcused) Jamin Mason (unexcused)	Dianne Iverson, Vice Chair for Leafline Coalition Erica W., Kitsap Public Health District Hannah A., Community Advocate	

Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

10:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Kris Colcock called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. via Zoom.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF THE August 13, 2024, MINUTES***

No quorum.

4. **PRESENTATION: Dave Rasmussen, Public Educator for the Department of Emergency Management**

Dave will be presenting during the November advisory meeting due to other commitments.

5. **UPDATES:**

a. Bikes For All Event

- Sponsored by Outdoors For All (OFA), the Bikes For All event takes place on Friday, September 13 from 3p-7p at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds Sheep Barn in Bremerton. Kris shared that OFA will be bringing all types of accessible and adaptable bikes, and all you need is a helmet to participate. Kitsap Transit will be on hand giving out swag to anyone that attends. Helmets will also be provided for attendees that were unable to bring one.

b. Week Without Driving Proclamation

- Week Without Driving takes place from September 30 – October 6, which encourages all people to find other modes of transportation to get where they need to go for the week. Kris, Kat, and JR were all present at the Kitsap County Commissioners meeting on Monday, September 9 to present the proclamation to the County Commissioners. The proclamation was signed by the Commissioners to hereby proclaim September 30 – October 6 as Week Without Driving in Kitsap County.

c. City of Poulsbo Accessible Tricycles

- The accessible tricycles have arrived in Poulsbo, Justin anticipates a September update showing participation data and demographics. Justin noted that Poulsbo has internal documents ready, such as operating manuals and procedure guidelines. Justin will be reaching out to the City of Poulsbo to inquire about the marketing plan for the tricycles.

d. Sea Discovery Center Accessible Door Project

- A draft contract has been sent to Bridget Anderson, Director of Operations and Outreach for the Sea Discovery Center and Holly Hill, Senior Director of Western Washington University (WWU). Once they are content with the contract, it will then go through the counties routing system and eventually get to the County Commissioners for signature. This has been a long process but once construction starts on the accessible door the timeframe for completion is around 3-4 days. Dahl Glass and South Sound Electrical are the contractors working on this project.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Bainbridge Island Senior Center Resource Fair

- Taking place on Sunday, October 13 from 2p-5p, the senior center resource fair is an opportunity for individuals to learn more about Transportation Services, Emergency Preparation, and Housing. Kris emphasized that this is a great outreach opportunity for the ACAC to continue to inform people about our mission and what we advocate for every day.

b. 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 in early August 2025. This forum is an innovative six-day leadership training program for upcoming high school juniors and seniors with disabilities. Not only will this empower individuals with disabilities, but it will also build a strong network of youth with disabilities, which is an important step for the future.
- 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 watch parties around the state with break out rooms available on Zoom for anyone unable to attend in person. Marsha suggested that the ACAC host an event in our community aimed towards bringing youth with disabilities together.

7. DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD

- The Discover Kingston Open House takes place on September 30 from 4p-7p at the Village Green Community Center in Kingston. This open house provides area residents, service providers, developers, and business owners the opportunity to visit information and resource tables to learn about projects and planning in the Kingston area. People attending will also find out how to get involved with local service organizations, clubs, youth groups and advocacy efforts that offer activities, services, resources, and volunteer opportunities.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Justin will be sending a link out to everyone who is not signed up for GovDelivery notifications. This will allow you to receive updates via email or text when the ACAC agenda is posted along with other County news and announcements.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment this month.

9. UPCOMING MEETING: October 8, 2024, at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The ACAC meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
<u>Present</u> Marsha Cutting Kris Colcock	Annie Chatman, Customer Service Lead at Kitsap Transit Angela Cox, Autism Resources Navigator at Holly Ridge Center	Justin Wing
<u>Absent</u> Jeff Vinecourt (excused) Ranae Beeker (excused) Brent Rotter (excused) Amanda Gonzalez (excused) JR Kinnison (unexcused) Kat Woofter (unexcused) Molly Brooks (excused) Gayle Pasi (unexcused) Jamin Mason (unexcused)	Maria F., Kitsap Public Health District Equity Program Hannah Anderson, Grant Writer for Port Gamble Leslie Purser, Special Needs Advocate Ashley Jones, Community Advocate Mary G., Community Advocate Sterling B., Community Advocate	