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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

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

AGENDA

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Meeting ID: 860 7678 1072 | Passcode: 024088

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVAL OF THE January 14, 2025, MINUTES* (attachment 1)

4. 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. Emergency Management
- g. Right to Repair
- h. Sea Discovery Center Accessible Door Project
- i. Portable Ramp Rentals

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee
- b. Accessibility Assessment

6. DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please limit individual comments to **2 minutes**. Written comments may also be submitted to the Committee if this timeframe is insufficient.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

* = Indicates action item



Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC)

10:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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

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

3. **APPROVAL OF THE December 10, 2024, MINUTES***

MOTION: Marsha Cutting moved to approve the December 10, 2024; minutes as presented. Ranae Beeker seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Christy DeGeus – Traffic Operations Manager, Kitsap County Public Works**

Christy was unable to attend this month's meeting.

5. **UPDATES:**

a. Solstice Lantern Walk

- The Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island hosted an accessible guided lantern walk on January 3, 2025, for people with disabilities. Kris shared that she enjoyed the evening, and the guided walk was well attended. Ranae, Marsha, Ashley, and Annie were also in attendance and thought that the guided walk was a little too short but understood that this was on purpose due to the weather and lack of light. Bloedel Reserve expressed the willingness to host another accessible guided walk for up to 100 people in the future, with donations suggested.

b. Kitsap Youth Human Rights Rally

- The Kitsap Youth Rally for Human Rights takes place on March 25, 2025, from 8a-1:20p at Olympic College in Bremerton. Brent expressed the need to be more prepared than last year and to make sure that 5-6 people are available for the 40-minute presentation. Annie, Molly, and Ranae will be attending along with Brent with a focus on visible and non-visible disabilities.

c. Dave Rasmussen – Emergency Management

- Ranae continued the discussion about Emergency Management (EM) and how EM volunteers can help around the community during an emergency and how they can relate to people with disabilities. The need for the community to rally together and to not have to rely on an EM team in cases where an evacuation is needed is important.
- Annie emphasized as a community we need to look at where we are at now in terms of EM, and how we can be better in the future.

- Ranae will be bringing coordinated questions to Dave Rasmussen in March, which includes how we are reaching out to people in case of an evacuation and how do we continue to educate the community about EM.

d. 2025 Work Plan*

- Ranae provided an overview of the updated 2025 ACAC Work Plan after the sub-committee finalized priorities for the upcoming year.

MOTION: Ranae Beeker moved to approve the 2025 Work Plan as presented. Brent Rotter seconded. Motion carried.

e. City of Poulsbo Accessible Tricycles

- In the last two months, the accessible tricycles have been assessed by a bicycle mechanic and a local business in Poulsbo has agreed to provide maintenance as needed. The City of Poulsbo has worked out an agreement with the school district's special education departments to make it possible for the school district to reserve and use the tricycles at no cost.

f. Sea Discovery Center Accessible Door Project

- Justin was excited to share that the Sea Discovery Center (SEA) contract was signed on January 13, 2025, by the Board of County Commissioners, and is now fully executed. Dahl Glass is meeting with Bridget Anderson at SEA this week to start taking measurements for the installation of the accessible front door.

g. Portable Ramp Rentals

- Justin will be meeting with a portion of the Peninsula Alliance leadership team this month to discuss spreading awareness about the portable ramp rentals and how the community can take advantage of them. Additionally, Justin would like to see more information on Peninsula's website pertaining to the ramp rentals along with rental and contact information for people that have additional questions.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Week Without Driving 2025

- Angela and Nancy will lead a sub-committee to help coordinate, promote awareness, and to get proclamations out. Ranae expressed the importance of getting the word out to organizations that would benefit from the Week Without Driving. Promoting the challenge that not everyone has the ability to drive a car is important along with understanding the public transportation is not always the easiest way to get around the community.

b. Bikes For All 2025

- Bikes For All will take place in September and Skookum has a budget to help with any financial needs needed for the event. A change of venue from the Kitsap County Fairgrounds Sheep Barn in Bremerton has been discussed for this year's event, more details to come. A date will be selected during the February meeting.

c. ADA Transition Plan

- Kris provided an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan that Kitsap County established due to their ongoing commitment to providing equitable access for all, including those with disabilities. This plan will be used to help guide future planning and implementation of necessary accessibility improvements. The deadline for anyone to give feedback or express concerns about the ADA Transition Plan is January 31, 2025.

7. DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD

- This year's Clear Creek Trail Ride will take place on July 12, 2025, from 12-2p in Silverdale.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ranae met with Aaron Bartleson, Kitsap County Natural Resources Specialist to plan another guided walk, the planned location is at Harper Park in Manchester. The walk will take place on April 26, 2025, from 1-3p.
- Angela shared meetup information for Square Pegs Kitsap: A Group for Autistic Adults. This group meets every third Saturday of the month from 1-3p at Ashley's Pub in Bremerton and every first Saturday of the month at Poulsbo First Lutheran Church from 1-3p. A flyer is currently being created to share with the community.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT: The ACAC meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

* = Indicates action items

ATTENDANCE		
MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
<u>Present</u> Marsha Cutting Kris Colcock Angela Cox Brent Rotter Ranae Beeker Nancy Tietje Molly Brooks <u>Absent</u> James (JR) Kinnison (excused) Kat Woofter (excused) Amanda Gonzales (unexcused)	Annie Chapman, Customer Service Lead - Kitsap Transit Ashley Jones - Community Advocate	Justin Wing