



DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 11, 2021 - 12:00 PM

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

Members Attending: Chairperson Gabe Jacoboni, Eric Peterson, Travis Brusseau, Mark Havens, Ged Randall, Mike Feeney

Members Not Attending: Christina Stevenson

Non-Members Attending: Leah Burris, Dustin Johnson, Don Kostelec

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting is called to order at 12:01pm

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. None

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. ADA Transition Plan – Review and discuss Draft 2020 Report with Don Kostelec, ADA Consultant.

- i. Don Kostelec states that part of the transition plan is to do an annual report. As there was some budget left over, Mr. Kostelec used it to create an example draft report staff can use in the future. Tracking all of the changes related to ADA can be difficult so he hopes the process for updating can be automated in the future. Other work, such as website compliance, can also be tracked in the report. When both private and public sector improvements were totaled it came to about \$1.6 million in upgrades for 2020. One of the more notable projects is the City working with a consultant on an overall Master plan, which could include priority corridors from the Transition Plan. Another piece is priority zones that are not priority corridors. He looks at the document as a work in progress and as we get to the end of 2021/beginning of 2022 the City and DAC should move forward with updating the report as the first official report. Mr. Randall asks if there is any validity in including the amount of times ADA is brought up in City meetings in the report. Mr. Kostelec states he did include in his report a page about DAC so he states anything else DAC feels is worthy of discussion could be added to that. He states in a larger City he would include ADA related complaints but probably isn't necessary for Lewiston. He adds there are definitely options of what should be included for tracking improvements. Mr.

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Kostelec pulls up the actual report and walks through page by page. Mr. Peterson states this is the real deal for a Transition Plan and applauds the report. Chairperson Iacoboni confirms that staff updates the report annually and Mr. Kostelec confirms that's correct and then DAC could review it. Mr. Havens asks where the ADA Transition Plan lives now that it's completed. Mr. Johnson states the report is going to Council in March so he is not sure where the City will go with some of it but the "meat and potatoes" of the document is with Public Works, and adds kinks are still getting worked out and will be for the next few years. Mr. Kostelec reminds the group that the plan did recommend there be an internal ADA focus group that could work together on updates. Mr. Randall asks Mr. Peterson if in his work in Washington, D.C. touches on education of staff on ADA compliance. Mr. Kostelec adds that if City staff participates in ADA training, it would be worth noting in the report. Mr. Feeney asks if Mr. Kostelec will be making the presentation to City Council and he said he can be available but Mr. Johnson states the intent was to have staff present it. Mr. Havens asks about an item that was removed from a former agenda that was related to Bryden Avenue. Ms. Burris states it was an error that it was included in the first place. Mr. Johnson states he would be more comfortable taking it to Council on March 1 if DAC had been able to review and approve it first. The group agrees to schedule a special meeting to review that.

IV. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from January 14, 2021 – *action item*
 - i. Mr. Peterson motions to approve and Mr. Havens seconds. All approve the minutes.
- B. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION – Review and approve draft of Major Remodel Code recommendation – *action item*
 - i. Mr. Peterson shares his screen with the group to review the recommendation letter. Mr. Feeney asks if Mr. Peterson wrote the document and he said it is an almost identical copy of the initial recommendation submitted in 2015. Mr. Peterson then reviews the Major Remodel Worksheet. Mr. Feeney states the \$150,000 amount was a compromise by the individuals involved in 2015 but as some of those parties are no longer involved, the \$150,000 could be changed. Mr. Havens states with that number, he would be concerned about inflation as it was based on 2014 information. Mr. Peterson states he is not as concerned about that as the data used had a very wide range. Mr. Johnson states the numbers are stale and they could be rerun by staff, but the hope is that the code update could survive inflation at least to some extent. Mr. Havens states the current proposal is still an improvement and would allow the City to monitor if it's doing what it's intended to do, and after we know it is working, could review if the numbers

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should be updated. Chairman Iacoboni states he would prefer it reviewed sooner rather than later. Mr. Peterson suggests they include a copy of the original recommendation from 2015 in this recommendation so the updates to the recommendation can be reviewed. Mr. Feeney agrees the group needs to act quickly but he was not suggesting to revisit the document from scratch. He asks Mr. Johnson if he would like the opportunity to look over the numbers in the recommendation. Mr. Johnson states he did look over the figures and he could update them with some more recent data but it would take time. Mr. Peterson states if data from 2018 was put into the worksheet, it would be a good comparison. He suggests adjusting the \$150,000 to \$25,000 and 10% to 25%. Mr. Peterson motions to approve the recommendation letter with the slight changes he made which he reviews again for the group. Mr. Brusseau seconds the motion. All members vote aye, there are none opposed. Mr. Peterson will email the final draft to Ms. Burris and Mr. Iacoboni to distribute. Chairperson Iacoboni mentions bringing it to Council and Mr. Johnson will make sure that takes place.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A. The meeting is adjourned at 1:04pm

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