Salt Lake City Accessibility Council

Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. Bring your lunch if you want.

Agenda

Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Cannon Room (335 – third floor) City & County Building (451 S State)

12:00	Welcome & IntroductionsPublic InputApproval of Minutes			
12:15	Nominations for Leadership Election in JuneDiscussion About Changing Meeting Time			
12:25	Presentation: Mobility Apps: Logan City's New App Mary Guy-Sell, Wasatch Front Regional Council			
12:35	Mayor's Proposed Budget			
12:40	 Committee Updates (5 minutes each) Parking & Ground Transportation – Craig Carter Legislation/City Council/By-Laws – Miriam Hyde Architectural Barriers/Accessibility – Glenn Reeves Housing/Employment/Membership – Lee Bias a. Proposed Membership Application Process 			
1:15	Announcements & Future Agenda Items			
1:30	Adjourn (until Tues, June 24)			

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Committee Assignments

	1. Parking & Ground Transportation	2. Legislation/ City Council/ By-Laws	3. Architectural Barriers/ Accessibility	4. Housing/ Employment/ Membership
	Craig Carter (Chair) Georg Stutzenberger Kira Larkin Michael Barnes Mike Marshall	Miriam Hyde Michael Lefevor Patrick Perry Rich Foster	Glenn Reeves Jim Huber Todd Claflin Mary Guy-Sell Mary Ann Cowen	Jerry Green Eleanor McCowan G Wright Leah Lobato
a) b)	1 in 6 Van Accessible Requirement Sugar House monument plaza parking Taxi cabs	a) By-laws changes b) Medicaid expansion	a) Self-evaluation b) Accessibility brochure c) Public way barriers (curbs, snow, construction)	a)

Accessibility Council Minutes - Mar 25, 2014

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **MOTION** by Patrick Perry to approve the March minutes. Seconded by Glenn Reeves. Passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION: FAIRNESS IN HOUSING:

Vard McGuire and Melissa Kelly with the Disability Law Center (DLC) gave a presentation on Fair Housing. Vard described the advocacy work done by the DLC in short term assistance, access & rights, education, abuse & neglect, and public policy. DLC signed up for HUD's fair housing testing program.

The Fair Housing Act and its amendment/update protects 7 classes of people: race, color, national origin, religion, sex/gender, familiar status, disability. Utah law also protects people based on source of income. Examples of discriminatory conduct include: refusing to rent or sell, making housing unavailable, steering applicants to certain housing.

Additional protections for people with disabilities are reasonable modifications of the dwelling unit and reasonable accommodations of rules/policies. The landlord should allow modifications but generally does not need to pay for it unless they are receiving federal funding. Patrick Perry asked about a tenant being on Section 8 federal housing assistance. Vard said that federal funding is tied to the tenant and not the landlord, so Section 8 does not require the landlord to pay for modifications.

The Fair Housing Act covers buildings with four units or more for rent. Also, ownership or management of multiple units, even if they are all duplexes, requires compliance.

DLC investigates complaints of housing discrimination. DLC may mediate, file an administrative complaint, or file a lawsuit.

Fair Housing uses "Assistance Animal" which is much broader than "Service Animal" under the ADA. "Assistance Animal" does not define the type of animal nor require training for certain tasks but Fair Housing does allow the landlord to request verification.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Todd Claflin announced committee assignments for newly appointed members. (see committee table)

- 1) PARKING & GROUND TRANSPORTATION: Craig Carter reported the committee did not meet. He said the City Council Chair is concerned about a loss of revenue from metered parking. The problem is the City has a long term commitment to the current payment system. Craig reported on the Ground Transportation Advisory Board.
- 2) LEGISLATION/CITY COUNCIL/BYLAWS: Rich Foster reported the committee did not meet last month.
- 3) ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS/ACCESSIBILITY: Mary Guy-Sell reported the committee is going to review the access at the new Public Safety Building. Logan City created their own mobility app and Mary asked if our group would like to help test the beta version.
- 4) HOUSING/EMPLOYMENT/MEMBERSHIP: Leah Lobato reported her agency recently had a job fair at the Sanderson Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. It was the largest to date with a broad spectrum of employers in attendance. They had about 250 job seekers and would like to have more in the future. There is a new 7% rule for federal contractors to have 7% of their workforce or job types, depending on the size of the organization, be people with disabilities. Jerry Green reported they have continued to work on the application process.

BYLAWS DISCUSSION: MOTION by Glenn Reeves to change the bylaws to change all ex-officio members to voting members. Seconded by Michael Barnes. Discussion about pros and cons of making the change. Glenn decided to table the motion. A straw poll showed 8 members would be in favor of making the change with the provision that voting members could abstain from any vote where they think there may be a conflict of interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Mary Guy-Sell Logan City's mobility app (10 min)
- Nominations for June Leadership Election
- Ask about changing meeting time out of lunch hour