

Salt Lake City Accessibility Council

Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Agenda

Note: We are meeting in room 126, first floor.

Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Room 126 – first floor
City & County Building (451 S State)

- 3:00 - Welcome & Introductions
- Public Input
- Approval of Minutes
- Nominations for Vice Chair – Voting in October
- 3:05 Discussion: City Code 5.76 Transportation of Persons with Disabilities – Jaysen Oldroyd, City Attorney’s Office (see history on page 4)
Link: http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=672&chapter_id=48812
- 3:30 Follow-Up Discussion: Building Services & Business Licensing Divisions Presentation
- 3:55 Committee Updates (5 minutes each)
1. Parking & Ground Transportation – Craig Carter
 2. Legislation/Housing/Employment/Membership – Rich Foster
 3. Architectural Barriers/Accessibility – Glenn Reeves
- Committee Coordination: Regular Committee Meeting Dates/Times
- 4:15 Announcements & Future Agenda Items
- 4:30 Adjourn (until Tues, Oct 28)

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Committee Assignments

1. Parking / Ground Transportation	2. Legislation / Housing / Employment / Membership	3. Architectural Barriers / Accessibility
Craig Carter (Chair) Georg Stutzenberger Kira Larkin Michael Barnes Mike Marshall	Rich Foster (Acting Chair) Miriam Hyde (Chair) Michael Lefevor Patrick Perry Leah Lobato	Glenn Reeves (Chair) Jim Huber Todd Claflin Eleanor McCowan G Wright
a) 1 in 6 Van Accessible Requirement b) Sugar House plaza c) Taxi cabs	a) By-laws changes b) Medicaid expansion	a) Self-evaluation b) Accessibility brochure c) Public way barriers (curbs, snow, construction...)
Top 5 Priorities for the Council (Identified 2014)		
#3 Parking problems in Sugar House: new development, monument plaza, and streetcar. Other on-street parking areas of concern are 9th and 9th, Foothill Village, 15th and 15th.	#2 Snow removal issues. #5 Planning & zoning ordinances and permitting process for ADA accommodations.	#1 Crosswalk issues for people with disabilities: timing for people with disabilities, need for verbal commands, right-hand turners failing to yield, left-hand turners failing to yield, flags for visibility. #4 Sidewalks: watering lawns 24 hours a day blocking sidewalks, barriers/access through constructions zones (not so much Downtown but a problem in other areas; education may be a solution), Sugar House 1100 East going north-south sidewalks are awful; 1700 South sidewalk by SLCC.

Accessibility Council – MINUTES – August 26, 2014

Todd Claflin conducted.

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Minutes: Todd suggested approving the July 2014 minutes by consent. Motion passed.

Todd announced that Jerry Green passed away suddenly last week. Todd thanked those members of the council who were able to attend his funeral. The Council held a moment of silence in memory.

Presentation: Building Services & Business Licensing Divisions: Presentation by Les Koch and Randy Isbell from Building Services and Jamie Allred from Business Licensing. Les explained that any construction projects in Salt Lake City have 100% compliance with the ADA using the IBC A117.1-2009 “Accessible and Usable Buildings & Facilities” guide. All new construction meets these standards. The standards are updated about every six years. The City’s construction inspectors confirm that everything is constructed according to the plans. For major remodels, the application of the standards depends on the scope of the remodel. Generally, single and two-unit structures are exempt but larger multi-units have requirements. If construction is not compliant, it is written up as a construction deficiency and they are required to come into compliance before approval. Parking ratios for apartments are defined in a table in the standards.

Les said access around construction zones has certain requirements but it may not always be the most convenient. Requests for improving that access may be accommodated by the developer but the City may not be able to dictate exactly how the alternate route it achieved.

Les addressed the previously emailed question about what the City can do to enforce the removal of accessible parking after a parking lot is constructed. Les invited the group to submit the addresses of any problem properties to his office. Michael Stott asked can the city enforce when an ADA feature is removed one or two years after construction. Georg suggested the City proactively patrol businesses to look for violations.

Jamie Allred said when a business license application is received an inspection is required including building, fire, zoning, and health. If we get a complaint, the city can require a new inspection upon renewal of the business license. Les said building inspection for business license is based on life safety features of building code. Deficiencies must reference a provision of the building code.

Eleanor McCowan asked about the requirement for flashing fire alarms. Les said that is required in the international fire code of 1990 or later. Older theaters may be grandfathered in.

Todd summarized that there is a little frustration about enforcement after buildings are constructed.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. PARKING & GROUND TRANSPORTATION: Craig Carter suggested we look at the two parking stalls in Sugar House and consider a recommendation to the City.

MOTION by Rich Foster to recommend to Mayor Becker that the two accessible (“disability”) parking stalls removed with the Sugar House Monument Plaza redevelopment be replaced in a nearby location. In addition, the Council requests that the City review generally the issue of on-street parking in Sugar House from the standpoint of people with disabilities. Seconded Georg Stutzenberger. Passed unanimously.

Craig Carter said there was an article about ridesharing companies Uber and Lyft. Craig said he called the Mayor’s and City Council offices about the issue. Michael Stott said the City is still researching how to deal with new business models such as these ride-sharing programs. Georg Stutzenberger said the city should consider how cab companies are required to meet certain accessible features. Jim Huber spoke of his concerns about the existing cab companies.

2. LEGISLATION / CITY COUNCIL / BY-LAWS: Rich Foster said there is nothing new to report. Miriam Hyde said she has no new updates.
3. ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS / ACCESSIBILITY: Todd said there is nothing new to report.
4. HOUSING / EMPLOYMENT / MEMBERSHIP: No updates.

TOP 5 PRIORITIES FOR THE COUNCIL: NEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Michael Stott described the new committee assignments and there was general consensus accepting the changes.

Adjourned.

Accessibility Council Minutes Regarding: City Code 5.76 Transportation of Persons with Disabilities

October 23, 2012

ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION: Craig said there are two taxi cab companies currently providing services. Accessible taxis can be \$35-55k. Craig said city ordinance 5.76 specifically addresses Transportation of People with Disabilities. Mary said this older ordinance could be a major barrier for the broader transportation industry in SLC because it could exclude other cab and shuttle companies outside of the contracted taxi cab companies from picking up someone or dropping off someone in SLC.

Michael S handed out research on definition of an accessible vehicle (taxi). Jerry said the city should look at providing accessible transportation service like the county provides.

November 27, 2012

ORDINANCE 5.76 TRANSPORTATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: Introduction of Larry Bowers, SLC Ground Transportation Manager. Craig explained ground transportation includes the advisory group addressing 5.71 and 5.72, the taxi cab ordinance, and transportation for people with disabilities ordinance. Dave opened the floor for questions.

Cathy asked about the litigation regarding the taxi cab contracts. The court will resume with the case after the holidays.

Michael B asked about 5.76, saying it seems there is confusion about the qualifications. Is there one department that handles this? Larry said, like the taxi cabs, these vehicles are required to have a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity issued through Business Licensing.

Michael B asked what about hotel shuttles. Larry said this is not a problem for them. Larry said there is quite a need for the transportation to and from the hospitals. Larry shared the definition of "Persons with Disabilities" in 5.76.040. He said the County Aging Services transportation service is exempt. Andrew asked about airport shuttles equipped with lifts. Larry said we register all ground transportation vehicles. To provide the services, they have to have the Certificate. Larry said the Police Department ministers 5.76. Jerry asked how many companies have tried to get a certificate in the recent past. Larry wasn't sure.

Andrew asked about bringing someone from another region into the city for medical purposes--would they be able to wait and return that person home after their visit? Larry said within the city, the provider would need a certificate.

Andrew asked Larry if he saw anything that could be addressed to improve the ordinance. Larry said groups such as this council should assess the impacts on ordinances such as this then bring any concerns to the City and City Council. Craig said people with disabilities and people who are elderly are on a fixed income which makes it difficult to find transportation. Miriam said she kind of likes the definition of Persons with Disabilities. She was concerned she didn't see anything about training of the drivers. Larry said 5.76 was meant to go above the standard transportation system's capability to transport people with disabilities.

Michael B asked if these providers could charge an additional service fee. Larry said the taxicabs cannot charge more than the standard rate. Providers under 5.76 do not have governed fees. Taxicabs cannot allow subcontractors to provide a higher fee.

Andrew asked Craig how we should proceed. Craig suggested each of us look at the ordinances and come back in January with some recommendations.

January 22, 2013

UPDATE ON ORDINANCE 5.76 TRANSPORTATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: Michael S explained the background of the ordinance and the concern that has been raised about it. The group clarified, the ordinance may be discriminating because it restricts ground transportation providers from providing accessible vehicles, limiting access to accessible vehicles only to those with a certificate of public convenience under 5.76. This is separate from the accessible vehicles required by the city ordinance on taxi cabs.