

# Salt Lake City Accessibility Council

Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

## Agenda

**Tuesday, August 25, 2015, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

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

- 3:00 - Welcome & Introductions  
- Approval of Minutes  
- Public Input
- 3:10 Reminder: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA and AXS Map Project
- 3:20 Committee Organization: Should we do away with standing committees and move to ad-hoc committees—temporary committees assigned to research specific topics and report to the council on their findings and recommendations? Issues that could be assigned to ad-hoc committees:
- Ground Transportation Ordinances and Accessible Vehicles
  - Identifying Crosswalk Issues
  - Access Around Construction
  - Enforcement of ADA on Businesses
- 4:00 Committee Updates
- 1) Parking & Ground Transportation – Craig Carter
    - \$185 disability parking fee complaint
  - 2) Legislation/Housing/Employment/Membership – Michael Lefevor
  - 3) Architectural Barriers/Accessibility – Glenn Reeves
- 4:25 Announcements & Future Agenda Items
- 4:30 Adjourn (until Tues, Sept 22—the 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, not Sept 29)

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## Committee Assignments

<i>1. Parking / Ground Transportation</i>	<i>2. Legislation / Housing / Employment / Membership</i>	<i>3. Architectural Barriers / Accessibility</i>
	2nd Monday of each month 1:30 pm, Utah Independent Living Center, 3445 S Main St.	
Craig Carter (Chair) Georg Stutzenberger Michael Barnes Mike Marshall	Michael Lefevor (Chair) Rich Foster Patrick Perry Leah Lobato Everette Bacon	Glenn Reeves (Chair) Jim Huber Todd Clafin (Eleanor's old seat) 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...)
<b><i>Top 5 Priorities for the Council (Identified 2014)</i></b>		
#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 – July 28, 2015

Guests: Jan Bigelow (Utah Independent Living Center)

#### Welcome & Introductions

**Approval of Minutes:** MOTION by Everette Bacon to approve the June 30 minutes. Seconded by Rich Foster. Passed Unanimously

**Public Input:** None.

**5000 Doors - Affordable Housing Initiative:** Presentation by Mike Akerlow, Director of the City's Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) Division. Mike A presented on housing costs and housing stock/availability in the city. There is a gap of 8,200 housing units for those at 40% or below of Area Median Income (AMI) (about \$72k for household of 4 people--number varies by household size). The program is to create, preserve, and assist 5,000 households in 5 years by 2020.

Housing targets are in new development, preservation, and housing assistance and across 4 levels of income within 0-80% AMI. In new development, they are looking at making some of the units ADA accessible and making those units work flexibly with family needs.

Everette Bacon asked why people on low income housing are not allowed to take a full college course load and stay on the housing while going to school. Mike A said this isn't a city program but it might be the State's program and he would look into it.

Loans on home purchase are around 3% with a low down payment.

Glenn Reeves asked why the City doesn't have a program to help people who bought their home with a higher interest rate to refinance their home. Mike A said the city's program is for first-time homebuyers but they're looking to expand that.

Rich Foster asked who pays for development of housing on city property. Mike A answered the Housing Trust Fund is funded by the RDA and federal grants. These will be units for sale because the City doesn't currently manage rentals. Larger parcels will be put on a request for proposals (RFP) for private developers who would respond with a proposal. Developers can get discounted land and federal tax credits as incentives.

Mike Barnes asked do they put money aside to help with independent living. Mike A said the Mayor has an aging in place initiative to look at those issues. He said they haven't partnered with assisted living or independent living centers directly but they're trying to reach out to organizations like these.

Everette Bacon asked how they get the word out. Mike A said there's a letter, door hanger, etc, sent out to targeted areas rotating throughout the city.

Marilyn Bown wanted to make Mike A aware of the population with intellectual disabilities having difficulty with getting housing vouchers. Mike A said there's a big gap for extremely low-income seniors and people with disabilities who make less than \$10k per year and can afford housing costs up to \$250 per month.

Mike Barnes said what can the City do with people who live in motels on social security for half the month and the other half of the month they're out on the street. Mike A said rental assistance vouchers are the solution but there's not enough.

**25th Anniversary of the ADA & AXS Map Project:** Todd Claflin and Michael Stott reminded the group about the project. The 25th Anniversary was last Sunday but we are trying to accomplish this project this year. Michael S will research the Mapathon option to see if it's a better way to tally the total number of reviews done.

**Other: Bylaws: MOTION by Glenn Reeves to do away with the bylaws. Seconded by Michael Barnes.** Michael B said he doesn't see how the bylaws serve the disability community. Craig Carter asked where the bylaws came from and suggest the City's representative made them. Rich Foster objected, saying that kind of accusation is not acceptable. Rich said we hammered the bylaws out and everyone voted on them. Leah Lobato said in order to have a working committee we need to have some rules and code of conduct such as the bylaws that say how we function as a committee. Glenn said we need rules such as Robert's Rules but we don't need the bylaws to do that. Todd said Robert's Rules speak to how a meeting is run but the bylaws speak to how we are organized. Everette Bacon said the bylaws state who the committee is and what we are supposed to do. Rich Foster said we have a bylaws subcommittee chaired by Michael Lefevor and the subcommittee welcomes any recommendations on how to change the bylaws that they can consider. He said to bring them your proposed amendments. **3 in favor. 7 opposed. Motion failed.**

Michael Stott reassured the group he has issued attendance warnings fairly this year and he and Todd Claflin have discussed the need to stick to the requirement. He issued four warnings yesterday for four people who have missed three meetings this year.

**Committee Organization:** Todd Claflin asked if we should do away with standing subcommittees and go to ad-hoc committees assigned to specific issues. Todd said the standing committees are somewhat dysfunctional because they've not been able to meet regularly. Todd is unsure what direction would be better. Leah Lobato said her committee functions with workgroups assigned to specific tasks. They discuss the task and identify people to be on a workgroup. **MOTION by Michael Barnes to have a budget. MOTION not forwarded.** Rich Foster suggested we could have a hybrid of standing committees and ad-hoc committees. Everette Bacon said we need to consider differences of personal experiences of our members with different types of disabilities. Michael S suggested we only have one

standing committee for council business on membership and bylaws and special topics be assigned to ad-hoc committees/workgroups. Todd suggested tabling the discussion until next meeting. Everette Bacon asked for an email outlining the current organization and what is being proposed. Todd said OK.

**Announcements & Future Agenda Items**

- Leah said they are still looking nominations for the Golden Key Awards on September 3rd and she will send an email for Michael to forward.