

Agenda

Clark County Accessible Community Advisory Committee Meeting

October 24, 2024 @ 3:30-5pm – Meeting Held Virtually Via Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendees: Dave Carl, Daniel Lee, Jesseica Elliott, Lyn Sowdon, Karen Bowerman, Eric Thorstenson, Lilly Longshore; & De Lena Perry, Michael Sallis, Erica Lindemann

2. Approval of Minutes

With an edit to reflect that Lyn is also a liaison to the GCDE, the minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

3. Collaboration with Visit Vancouver WA (Erica Lindemann w/Visit Vancouver)

Erica Lindemann from Visit Vancouver WA came and presented to the CCACAC about their organization and the group discussed ways the CCACAC and Visit Vancouver can work together to support Visit Vancouver's accessibility efforts and potential partnership opportunities. Opportunities for improvement that were discussed include improving Visit Vancouver's CRM system and how it classifies accessibility as well as connecting with Parks about creating accessibility improvements. Erica will send a spreadsheet for the group to review to help update Visit Vancouver's CRM system. Discussion was also had about how Visit Vancouver could work with C-TRAN to promote accessibility.

4. Clark County ADA Transition Plan (Mike Sallis w/Community Planning)

Mike Sallis from the County's Community Planning Department joined to discuss the ongoing ADA transition plan and how it fits in with the upcoming Comprehensive Plan process. Mike discussed how Community Planning and the CCACAC can work together to update the transition plan and support transportation and development planning. The County is working on a self-evaluation report to understand deficiencies related to sidewalks, traffic signals, and other accessibility needs. This report will be an appendix in the Comprehensive Plan. Mike would like to come back at a later date with a fuller presentation on the self-evaluation, likely in January, to get CCACAC input. The group discussed ways they could support the ADA transition plan and expertise and

input they could bring to support the process. The group also discussed other areas that they could weigh in, including the Interstate Bridge Replacement process.

Mike will send a copy of the current ADA plan to the group for their review.

5. Bylaw Review & Acceptance

The CCACAC unanimously approved the group's bylaws, with Lilly abstaining.

6. Website Draft – Forming Subcommittee

Lilly, Lyn, Eric, Daniel, and Councilor Bowerman volunteered to form a subcommittee to review the draft webpage.

Lilly described the Jefferson County ACAC website, as a potential template and resource for Clark County's website.

7. Member Updates

- Lilly and Jesseica went to the Kline Pond/Salmon Creek Park to learn about renovations there and suggested having wheelchair users in the group join the County Parks director at some point to roll the trail and show where accessibility improvements are needed. Lilly will come back with more details at a forthcoming meeting.
- Jesseica brought up the group working on PSAs related to intersections and looking into grants to allow for training for those with new equipment.
- Councilor Bowerman updated the group that the Governor's Council on Disability and Employment has formally recognized the CCACAC, and the group can now apply for funding. The group will work on a logo.

8. Next Meeting Date, Time & Agenda Topics

Lyn is tutoring on Thursdays and would like to shift the time of the meeting. The next two meetings are also scheduled to fall on Thanksgiving and December 26th, which are also challenging dates. Jordan will send out a poll to the group to find a new time. The group would like to keep meetings to 90 minutes or less. The idea of a timekeeper was also discussed.

9. Anything Else for the Good of the Group