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## Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

September 10, 2024  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### AGENDA

#### [Join the meeting](#)

Dial by your location  
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Meeting ID: 860 7678 1072  
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF THE August 13, 2024, MINUTES\* (attachment 1)
4. PRESENTATION: Dave Rasmussen, Public Educator for the Department of Emergency Management
5. UPDATES:
  - a. Bikes For All event
  - b. Week Without Driving Proclamation
  - c. City of Poulsbo Accessible Tricycles
  - d. Sea Discovery Center Accessible Door Project
6. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Bainbridge Island Senior Center Resource Fair
7. DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
9. PUBLIC COMMENT  
Please limit individual comments to **2 minutes**. Written comments may also be submitted to the Committee if this timeframe is insufficient.
10. UPCOMING MEETING: October 8, 2024, at 10 a.m.
11. ADJOURNMENT

\* = Indicates action item



## **Accessible Communities Advisory Committee**

10:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Kris Colcock called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. via Zoom.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made, attendance was taken.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE June 11, 2024, MINUTES\***

*MOTION: Amanda Gonzalez moved to approve the June 11, 2024; minutes as presented. Marsha Cutting seconded. Motion carried.*

4. **PRESENTATION: Amanda Gonzalez, Certified ADA Coordinator**

Amanda Gonzalez will be presenting during the October advisory meeting.

5. **UPDATES:**

**a. Clear Creek Trail Ride**

- Ranae shared that five people attended this year with Kitsap Transit bringing swag for the attendees. Ranae suggested more advertising and marketing be done to benefit next year's event in hopes to boost attendance and awareness. Kitsap County Commissioner Christine Rolfes attended and would like to see more of these events in the future.

**b. Farmers Markets – Brent Rotter**

- Brent shared that this year's Farmers Markets were relatively successful and that everyone enjoyed having the ACAC attend and bring knowledge to the community about the ACAC's mission. Brent felt that the information cards and marketing materials that were handed out to the attendees will benefit the ACAC in the long term.

**c. Pacific Islander Fair**

- Ranae shared that although the Pacific Islander Fair was a great event, sand was an accessibility issue throughout the day. Ranae would like the ACAC to partner with the Pacific Islander Fair coordinators for next year's event to help ensure the fair is more accessible to all. Ranae noted that not only did wheelchairs continue to get stuck in the sand, guests with strollers and other mobility issues were having a difficult time, too.

**d. City of Poulsbo Accessible Tricycles**

- Justin shared that the City of Poulsbo has received the storage shed and has ordered the tricycles with an estimated arrival by the end of August. The City of

Poulsbo has been working on operating manuals, procedures, marketing materials, and other internal documents for the program. The City of Poulsbo anticipates by the September reporting period that the rentals will be live, and participant data and demographics will be collected and reported.

**e. Sea Discovery Center Accessible Door Project**

- Justin shared that new estimates have been made and are being finalized. Justin and Kelly have met with Bridget Anderson (SEA Discovery Center) to ensure that this project remains on budget and that construction can begin once the contract is signed.

**f. Portable Ramps Rental Report**

- Justin shared that from December 2023 – January 2024 Peninsula Alliance had one ramp rental. From January 2024 – June 2024, they had six ramp rentals. Peninsula Alliance is averaging roughly one ramp rental a month through the first part of 2024.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Bikes For All Event**

- The Bikes For All event takes place on September 13 from 3p-7p at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds Sheep Barn located in Bremerton. The Outdoors for All Foundation has partnered with the Bikes For All event this year and will be bringing a van full of adaptive bikes to utilize as long as each rider has a helmet. Skookum has paid for the fees for this year's event, pizza and water will be served to the attendees. Other partners include the Kitsap Public Health District and Olympic College while Ranae shared that Easterseals is also interested in partnering. More details to come.

**b. Week Without Driving (WWD) Campaign**

- Amanda shared that the WWD sub-committee met in June to discuss going forward with proclamations for the campaign in hopes to better promote WWD. Amanda will be sending an email to the WWD sub-committee members to schedule a meeting for the end of August as the event nears. Amanda wants to start to push forward and secure proclamations ensuring the WWD campaign is well-attended and successful.

**c. Right to Repair and Repair Café**

- Mobility Works hosted a Wheelchair Repair Café on July 13 for individuals needing assistance fixing their manual wheelchairs. The event was hosted by The Here and Now Project and presented by their Disability Advocacy Coalition Committee in hopes to bring community members together to help repair wheelchairs for people that are unable to do so.

- Marsha announced that Olympic Pharmacy in Gig Harbor supports a Wheelchair only Right to Repair Bill. This Bill would give Washingtonians the ability to fix their own wheelchairs utilizing expanded access to manufacturers spare parts, physical and software tools, and diagnostic and schematic information needed for repairs. This would also give people the option to choose small repair shops rather than needing to go through large manufacturers, which in turn would cost more and take additional time for repairs.

**d. Disability Pride 2025**

- Marsha requested that the ACAC create a Disability Pride sub-committee for next year. The ACAC missed out on Pride 2024 as the event was booked. Marsha wants to think ahead and have a plan of action going into next year, 2025.

**7. DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD**

- Amanda will be scheduling a Week Without Driving (WWD) sub-committee meeting for the end of August to discuss proclamations as the campaign nears.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Juneteenth event took place on June 15th beginning at the Norm Dicks building in Bremerton at 10a leading to Evergreen Park for the Freedom Festival. Amanda, Brent, Marsha, and Molly all attended Juneteenth sharing that it was a well-attended event. The ACAC had a spot on a concrete pad, which made it easier to interact with all of the attendees.
- Dianne Iverson, Vice Chair of Leafline Coalition shared information about the North Sound to Olympics (NSTO) Trail Planning Study. Currently there are 560 miles of paved trails that exist but are not currently connected to each other. These gaps have been identified as accessibility issues that need to be addressed. This study ultimately will help provide advance analysis of the NSTO shared-use path concepts identified and documented from prior outreach and planning efforts. This study will inform Kitsap County Public Works prioritization of path projects in the development of the County's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Annual Construction Program. During this process, the Board of County Commissioners conducts formal public hearings where the public can provide input and suggestions for projects.
- Marsha spoke briefly about the Youth Leadership Forum presented by the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE) that will take place in early August 2025 at the Dumas Bay Retreat Center in Federal Way. This forum is an innovative six-day leadership training program for upcoming high school juniors and seniors with disabilities. Delegates are selected from around the State of Washington to cultivate leadership, and citizenship skills while having fun and making friends. There will be virtual watch parties around the state with break out rooms available on Zoom for anyone unable to attend in person. More details to come.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There was no public comment this month.

**9. UPCOMING MEETING:** September 10, 2024, at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** The ACAC meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

\* = Indicates action items

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>	<b>STAFF</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Present</u></p> <p>Ranae Beeker Marsha Cutting Kris Colcock Brent Rotter Amanda Gonzalez</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Absent</u></p> <p>Jeff Vinecourt (excused) JR Kinnison (unexcused) Kat Woofter (unexcused) Molly Brooks (unexcused) Gayle Pasi (unexcused) Jamin Mason (unexcused)</p>	<p>Annie Chatman, Customer Service Lead at Kitsap Transit Angela Cox, Autism Resources Navigator at Holly Ridge Center Stuart Heslop, Grant Writer in Port Gamble Dianne Iverson, Vice Chair for Leafline Coalition Erica W., Kitsap Public Health District Hannah A., Community Advocate</p>	<p>Justin Wing</p>