

Kitsap Accessible Voting Advisory Committee

10/14/2021

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Steve Gardner
Amy Epperly
Daryl Daugs
David Frisk
Paul Andrews
Shawn Devine
Regina McRay

Steve will record this meeting and send it to everyone on the committee.

Next meeting is the week of May 23rd. No exact date yet.

Steve Gardner, Public Information Officer for Kitsap County, hosted the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Paul thanked committee members for their efforts.

Steve mentioned that auto-captions were requested for videos like L&A.

Review of 2020 - important dates related to elections, Covid-19.

Review of statistics from US Election Assistance Commission Study on Disability and Voting Accessibility in the 2020 Elections.

Questions we hope to answer by our meeting in May:

- Does online ballot access significantly improve the voting experience for voters with disabilities?
- How much value would an audible version of the Local Voters' Pamphlet create?
- What more can we do?

The Marvin Williams Vote Center opened this year. Daryl remarked on the potential impact this vote center will have on people in the community who cannot drive.

Mobile Vote Centers were removed at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. We will look for ideas going forward on how to meet any needs that the Mobile Vote Centers provided.

Shawn mentioned that audio and lighting are extremely important when we're recording videos like L&A.

Shawn also asked if at Olympic College, would we prefer to set up in the Bremer Student Center or in the Military and Veterans Support Center? He said that may be able to reach a more targeted population at the Military and Veterans Support Center.

Steve mentioned that Thurston County opened something at their library that may operate something like a vote center. He will look into this further.

Steve looks forward to more participation at our May meeting. He will email updated plans and details on the May meeting to all committee members.