

MINUTES
ADA TASK FORCE MEETING
March 22, 2022
Virtual on-line meeting
7:00 P.M.

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**

Members Present

Tracy Greenberg -Co-Chair
Chris Cowen
Michelle Slife
Thomas McGraw
Sean Mott
Christina Tayman
Ahmie Yeung- Co-Chair
Sarah Kepple

Other

Michelle Nohta- Secretary
Stephen Metzger - DLZ
Andrew Fleck – legal counsel

- 3. Approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting, approved with the change to note that Tracy Greenberg is also a Co-Chair.**
- 4. The ADA Task Force met on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 and was joined by consultant Steve Metzger of DLZ who is currently working on a complete ADA compliance survey of City properties. Mr. Metzger reported that he has thus far completed City Hall, the Annex, and Service Garage, Winterhurst Serpentine Arena, Parking Lots along Madison, Madison Park & Pool, and that he was planning to complete Cove Community Center the following day.**

In response to a question, it was clarified that development properties such as Studio West are not included in the survey of city properties, but that such renovated or newly constructed properties are required to follow current ADA standards in their design and construction. Several task force members shared experiences of going into new or remodeled construction that failed to live up to ADA standards and accomplish actual accessibility either due to incorrect design or inaccurate construction. The example was given of a bathroom stall having the proper hand bars in place, but containing insufficient space to transfer from a wheel chair or close the door. It was discussed that some cities, and the entire state of Texas require ADA inspection as part of the building permit process, and members of the group expressed interest in increasing accessibility standards in to Lakewood building code and approval processes through Planning Commission, ABR and the Building Department. Steve Metzger commented that he will be providing training to city employees.

Discussing the scope of the survey, the group asked about railroad crossings, and it was clarified that this, sidewalks, and street crossings would be part of a Right of Way survey. It was clarified that 2022 budgeting process allocated funding for the DLZ contract without the Right of Way addendum with the idea of revisiting that portion as the process moved forward. In a previous meeting, the Task Force voted unanimously to recommend that the City of Lakewood move forward with contracting the Right of Way survey from DLZ. Mr. Metzger mentioned that completing the Right of Way survey simultaneously with the remaining scope of service would provide a long-term cost savings to the city. The Task

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Force briefly reviewed the formal letter of recommendation on which they are currently working.

Finally, the Task Force discussed transportation services currently available to Seniors through the Division of Aging, and expressed a desire for further conversation about such services being made available to persons with disabilities. The chairs expressed an intent to invite Director Gelsimino to a future meeting for more conversation.

5. Adjourn

A Motion was made by Ms. Tayman to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Yeung. All members voting yea, the motion passed.

Signature _____ Date _____