

AGENDA
CITY OF LAKEWOOD
ADA TASK FORCE MEETING
July 26, 2022
7:00-8:00 PM

Meeting is recorded
<https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/accordions/ada-task-force/>

1. Members present:

Chris Cowen
Tracy Greenberg, co-chair
Thomas McGraw
Sean Mott
Michelle Slife
Christina Tayman
Ahmie Yeung, co-chair
Others present:
Michelle Nocht, secretary
Steve Metzger, DLZ consultant

Absent, Sarah Kepple and Andrew Fleck.

- 2.** A motion was made by Ms. Cowen and seconded by Ms. Slife to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022, all members voting yea, with Ms. Yeung abstaining, the motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

- 3.** Steve Metzger, consultant representing DLZ, provided a report on current progress. Mr. Metzger reported that all the on-site evaluations of the facilities had been completed. Ms. Yeung reported she had joined Mr. Metzger during an evaluation at Cove Community Center and found his work and demeanor to be excellent. Ms. Tayman inquired as to how many responses had been received via the on-line survey, Mr. Metzger reported forty-eight have been received to date. Ms. Yeung and Ms. Greenberg discussed reposting the survey link and other ways to elicit responses from target populations such as flyers, or a computer terminal at the senior center, or an open house.

Mr. Metzger re-iterated in his experience there was a low response to open houses, typically more responses were generated through the initial post, and then during implementation. Mr. Metzger noted the importance of city policies being compliant as well as city departments being aware of proposed changes to the guidelines to ensure that city projects would be compliant even with the proposed changes, ensuring the longevity of the compliance. As an example Mr. Metzger cited the change in the availability and use of a greater variety of mobility devices, such as scooters, Segway's, golf carts, etc., and the new guidelines incorporating the turning radiuses associated with the newer mobility devices.

Mr. Mott inquired as to the effectiveness of additional training in assuring compliance for inspectors. Mr. Metzger responded that the attitude of designers, inspectors, staff etc. is crucially important in assuring compliance. Mr. Metzger encouraged everyone to look at the DLZ videos available on YouTube on a variety of the most common compliance errors and

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noted that language in contracts can help hold outside contractors accountable. There are many different people involved in each project, and each person represents an opportunity or an obstacle to compliance, based on their attitude and experience. More discussion with Ms. Greenberg and Ms. Yeung about holding contractors accountable and using report-a-problem. Other recent issues noted, such as a storefront remodel on Elmwood and Madison that did not include the creation of an accessible entrance. Another recent incident was the scooter pilot study locating a scooter stop in an area that was unofficially used as a drop station for elderly patients for many years, an issue that might have been avoided if the city had reached out to the business owner prior to placement. Ms. Greenberg noted she had recently used a website that was easily accessible.

4. Ms. Greenberg was happy to report the city is moving forward with the funding of the Public Right of Way evaluation using DLZ as the consultant. Mr. Metzger provided an updated price that is guaranteed through January 31, 2023.
5. Adjournment