

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF LAKEWOOD**  
**ADA TASK FORCE MEETING**  
**August 23, 2022**  
**7:00-8:00 PM**

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

**1. Members present:**

Tracy Greenberg, co-chair  
Sean Mott  
Christina Tayman  
Ahmie Yeung, co-chair

**Others present:**

Michelle Nochta, secretary  
Andrew Fleck , legal counsel

**Absent,** Sarah Kepple, Chris Cowen, Thomas McGraw and Michelle Slife

2. A motion was made by Ms. Yeung and seconded by Ms. Tayman to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022, all members voting yea, the motion passes.
3. Introductions were made to welcome members of the public joining for the first time, Mr. Thomas Fahey and Mr. Eric Born-Crow.

**NEW BUSINESS**

4. Michelle Nochta presented an update from Steve Metzger, consultant from DLZ, a report on current progress. Mr. Metzger reported that all the on-site evaluations of the facilities had been completed. Mr. Metzger is processing the data collected and assisted in responding to several comments about park playground surfaces and park bathrooms related to accessibility.

Ms. Nochta reported that the request to execute the alternate for the PROW ADA evaluation had been placed on the Board of Control Agenda for September 6, 2022. Additionally, Ms. Nochta shared the federal tax incentives that were being shared with business owners who were making improvements to their properties, and that the information was being shared with LakewoodAlive and building department staff. Additionally, the information would be linked to on the website. Ms. Nochta is also working to promote the incentives for accessibility improvements available to a qualified applicants/projects through the city's Storefront program with new program manager Martin Castelletti.

Ms. Yeung stated she would like to have the tax incentive information to share with business owners, and mentioned she has a contact at CSU in the engineering program who may be able to help provide design assistance. Ms. Tayman offered to reach out to the AIA to inquire about design services to help small businesses design accessibly solutions.

Ms. Yeung stated that it is important to remember other disabilities such as neurological ones and raise awareness that strobe lights may trigger seizures.

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Ms. Tayman discussed the complexities of adapting older buildings to meet accessibility standards.

Mr. Fahey stated when he visited Madison Avenue there are a number of shops that are inaccessible on his power chair, and he was interested in helping businesses become more accessible to mobility device users.

Ms. Greenberg expressed frustration with the main library, which built a new addition before 2010. There is no ramp at the main entrance, and the rear entrance is very inconvenient when attending events on the front steps, and at times dangerous when cars park obstructs the rear sidewalk and force mobility device users into the parking lot to reach the accessible entrance. Ms. Greenberg was told by the library that no rail and no ramp were included for esthetic reasons, and she believed a design solution could have been found and is still disappointed that the library renovation didn't work to exceed minimum compliance and create an accessible entrance on the front of the building.

Mr. Born-Crow shared a link to a local sign company that makes signs that help those with verbal challenges communicate at pools and playgrounds. Mr. Born-Crow also stated that he was pleased to hear that the city was working through the playground surfacing issues.

5. Mr. Mott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Yeung, all in favor the motion passed.
6. Adjournment