

Minutes
CITY OF LAKEWOOD
ADA TASK FORCE MEETING
August 29, 2023
7:00-8:00 PM

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

Members present

Tracy Greenberg, co-chair
Chris Cowen
Thomas McGraw
Michell Slife
Christina Tayman

Others present:

Michelle Nochta, secretary
Andrew Fleck, legal counsel
Steve Metzger, DLZ

Ms. Greenberg called the meeting to order, attendance was observed and recorded by Ms. Nochta.

Discussion about the meeting minutes for May 23, 2023, the vote on this agenda item was deferred. The meeting minutes for July 25, 2023, were approved.

Ms. Greenberg welcomed Mr. Steve Metzger of DLZ .Mr. Metzger began by thanking the Taskforce members for their work reviewing and commenting on the draft of the city's self-evaluation and transition plan document. All the grammar and typographic corrections had been made already, and other comments addressed. It is possible for members to see the tracked changes. The draft copy would be sent for public comment and review with all the changes accepted, and any additional changes or comments would be incorporated prior to the final draft copy being submitted to council.

Mr. Metzger said his intention was to discuss the comments he had received and talk a little about implementation and timeline. Typically, the time span to work through a transition plan is thirty years, prioritization is given to places and programs that serve the most people and present the largest obstacles. City leadership ultimately decides how to order and fund improvements. High-use facilities are City hall, Lakewood and Madison Parks, the Court. The largest expenditure for improvements to accessibility are improvements to the public right of way. Mr. Metzger stated that an ADA advisory group is always recommended in the transition plans he authors to help advise city leadership. Other topics reviewed were on-street parking, service animals, sidewalks, detectable warnings, role of the ADA coordinator and the recent formal adoption of PROWAG guidelines. Ms. Greenberg expressed her continued interest in expanding programs for seniors to include non-seniors with disabilities, such as transportation and hot meal delivery. Ms. Nochta reviewed the proposed timeline with a public comment period beginning on the draft document and then the document being presented to city council for adoption.

Ms. Greenberg was asked that the confirmed date of the city council meeting be shared and encouraged fellow task force members to attend.

Adjournment