

AGENDA
CITY OF LAKEWOOD
ADA TASK FORCE MEETING
October 25, 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
Chris Cowen
Ahmie Yeung, co-chair
Christina Tayman
Michele Slife

Others present:

Michelle Nochta, secretary
Andrew Fleck , legal counsel

Absent, Thomas McGraw, Sarah Kepple

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Yeung called the meeting to order, **attendance** was observed by Ms. Nochta and Ms. Tayman began her presentation.
Registered architect and ADA Task Force member Christina Tayman began her presentation. Ms. Tayman explained that given a 30-minute time constraint she created an abbreviated presentation and chose to focus on some of the biggest obstacles and opportunities when retrofitting an entrance at an existing building on the city's commercial corridors. The city has narrow sidewalks in many areas and a private business cannot build into the public right of way or impede pedestrian traffic in the right of way. Owners are not required to create and accessible entrance if alterations must be made to the structural members to achieve accessibility, structural changes can make an entrance accessibility project infeasible. Other factors are the cost of environmental concerns such as asbestos and project budget. Alterations to flooring sometimes are technically infeasible when older structures have basements, column placements can be issues. Due to space limitations ramps may be infeasible because the required slopes and cross-slopes can not be achieved. Additionally, altering the interior space to slope the flooring or add ramps on the inside may be technically infeasible.
Ms. Greenberg expressed her appreciation for Ms. Tayman's presentation and queried how to share with business owners. Ms. Yeung expressed the desire for businesses to find solutions to increase accessibility even if the improvements fell a little short. Ms. Yeung described a recent experience where she was helped into a business that had made an alteration, and although it was not a perfect solution she was pleased to be able to enter the building and enjoyed the positive interactions with the people who helped her. Ms. Tayman said she felt it is important that the guidelines be followed or businesses would lack motivation to make the needed changes. Ms. Greenberg said she thought the transition plan should have specific recommendations for each department, particularly the public works department needed to look at how they provide accessible alternate routes around or through construction sites as she found that the recent

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projects near her home curb ramps were closed with no alternate route available. The approval of the September minutes and the agenda item of discuss about electric rental scooters will be moved to the November agenda. Additionally, Ms. Nohta said the meeting in December would be cancelled, and the November meeting would be moved due to the holiday, likely to Tuesday November 29, 2022.

2. Ms. Slife made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cowen, all in favor the motion passed.
3. Adjournment