

Clark County

Accessible Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2025 (4:00–5:00 PM via Microsoft Teams)

Attendees:

Dave Carl, Glen Yung, Jesseica Elliott, Jordan Boege, Lyn Sowdon, Eric Thorstenson, De Lena Perry, Michael Sallis

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began with introductions of attendees.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve previous minutes made by **Lyn Sowdon**, seconded by **Eric Thorstenson**. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Group Agreements

Group agreements were read by **Jordan Boege** and accepted by the committee.

4. Clark County ADA Self-Evaluation Report & Transition Plan

- **Mike Sallis** is the primary contact for the ADA Transition Plan.
- The ADA Transition Plan, led by Mike Sallis, is progressing well and is a collaborative effort with ample opportunities for the committee's input and influence.
- Key focus areas:
 - Curb ramps
 - Sidewalks
 - Push-button signals
- The committee will review criteria to prioritize ADA upgrades based on urgency, location, season, and community use.
- The committee is committed to addressing urgent needs, and as such, projects with ADA deficiencies will be prioritized.

- **Michael** will provide a data update at the **August meeting**.

5. New Member Applications

- The application window has closed; three candidates applied.
- Review subcommittee: **Lyn Sowdon, Eric Thorstenson, Jesseica Elliott, Dave Carl**.
- Candidates will be invited to future meetings for introductions and alignment with committee goals.

6. Member Updates

i. Fundraising Ideas

- Proposed idea: raise funds to provide wheelchair batteries at public service locations.
- Discussed donation-based model, possibly partnering with a nonprofit.
- We understand the concerns raised about CCACAC's liability for safety and product accountability in the proposed fundraising idea. Your feedback is valuable and will be taken into consideration.
- Instead, invite a hospital /police dept./ fire station representatives to attend committee meetings to voice ideas and concerns about providing on-site wheelchair chargers.

ii. Accessibility Recognition

- Discussion about stickers or symbols for ADA-accessible locations.
- **Visit Vancouver** expressed interest in helping promote this via website or physical markers.

iii. Disability Awareness Event (October)

- We are planning an exciting event or proclamation for the Disability Awareness Event in October, which we hope will be an excellent opportunity for us to make a positive impact.
- Subcommittee: **Jesseica Elliott, Lyn Sowdon, Dave Carl**

- **Jordan Boege** to coordinate meeting times.

iv. Upcoming Agenda Items

- Welcoming new members
- **Michael Sallis** to present
- Recognizing the **ADA Anniversary (July 26)** and **Disability Pride Month (July)**

7. Next Meeting

Date: August 26, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

8. Additional Announcements

- **Youth Forum – August 1:**
 - Hosted by the Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
 - Target audience: youth with disabilities (junior high/high school)
 - Focus: advocacy and empowerment
- **Public Works Meeting – July 24 & 28**
 - Mike Sallis offered to send invites to interested members