

# Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities Agenda

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Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Start Time: 12 p.m.

End Time: 1 p.m.

Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor city hall and Virtual via Zoom

Purpose: Regular scheduled meeting

## 1. Standing Items

- 1.1 Any additions to the agenda? Welcomed the group from TLC with 6 students and 2 instructors in attendance today. Welcomed Cara Perrion from the local library to speak today (see New Business below).
- 1.2 Excused absence: Tina Kenser, Rich Krokkel, Nicole Meyer, Megan Neal, Laura Stoltenburg, Adam Poeppel
- 1.3 Review and approve minutes – November 2024 minutes – Motion to approve-Ryan D; seconded by Jamie. Motion was approved unanimously. January meeting minutes were not available to review with today's meeting. Will add to agenda next month. Did not have a quorum (5 members present) in the January meeting to approve November meeting minutes.
- 1.4 Review and approve Treasurer's Report – February 2025 - Nothing needed for approval at this time.

## 2. Committee Reports

- 2.1 **BAD** – Selected date for this event is April 25<sup>th</sup>. Invites were sent out to the schools on February 5<sup>th</sup>. We have heard back from one school (CC Lee) that they will not be attending, this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row so we will take them off our list for next year. TLC group would like to help and talked about maybe doing a station as well.
- 2.2 **Transportation** – Reviewed current state. Still working to upgrade fleet. Discussed the need for access to the advisory committee spreadsheet, as Eric is only one that can grant access. Ryan stated the importance of it having an area for specific details about incidents. Discussion from others on using Google Sheets/Forms – spreadsheet can be secured but accessible. Eric will work with Cara Perrion (K.O. Lee Library) on this to learn more.
- 2.3 **Education Enhancement Award** – Discussed to get this out as soon as we can and how we could get this out to more people, but still keep it tied to the disability center on campus. Mendy will reach out to the NSU about the new NSU contact to help get the word out on campus.
- 2.4 **NDEAM** – No updates – Laura not present
- 2.5 **ADA Anniversary Celebration** – There are no dates for this yet, and planning has not yet begun. Discussed tying this in with more events over the ADA week in July again.

## 3. Old Business

- 3.1 Parking signs – If someone does not have a handicapped parking sign be sure to let Eric know so this can be addressed. Keep in mind only the larger parking lots are required to have handicapped parking. Small lots where there are only a few spots, don't require it.  
Handed out parking card reminders – YELLOW cards. Those present took several for their use in town. Ryan brought up the fact that parking lots like Menards, Walmart, etc are private lots and may not be part of the city jurisdiction. So, when calling out a parking violation in the business parking lots, a phone call would need to go to police from the a employee at the business itself. Not sure if this was fully accurate. Suggested getting information from the city police department or Dave Lunzman with Brown County Sheriff's Dept (Dave had left the call by the time this topic came up).

- 3.2 Sidewalk issues – Winter weather conditions challenge sidewalks and curb ramp areas. Be sure to report concerns to the city. Eric brought up the idea of having a text group to be able to let everyone on the committee know about concerns like parking signs or sidewalk issues. Few people felt that the email trend will work better as they can then follow the thread easier than having their phones go off frequently. It was also mentioned it would be easier to send pictures via text. We will trial out a text group and if someone does not want to be on it let Eric know he will remove you.
- 3.3 Jamie Ward – Managing committee Facebook page. Are there any new items of interest to send to Jamie at [jamie.ward@wolves.northern.edu](mailto:jamie.ward@wolves.northern.edu) so he can get them posted on our Facebook page?

#### 4. New Business

- 4.1 Cara Perrion Library (All Aberdeen Reads Sitting Pretty book) A community discussion will be held, Thursday, March 27th at 6:30 PM at the K.O. Lee Aberdeen Public Library. Refreshments provided. Main mission is bringing everyone from the entire area together and getting to know one another in all aspects of life. Would really like to get committee members there to participate and provide personal stories and some perspective from their community experiences. Help open discussion in the group. Jamie, Eric, and Cara to work on promoting this through our committee Facebook page.  
Book - <https://www.amazon.com/Sitting-Pretty-Ordinary-Resilient-Disabled/dp/0062936794>
- 4.2 BlueSpot VIP <https://bluespot.vip/> - Eric asked everyone to load the app on their phone. Will be contacting local police to be able to make this functional for our community needs.
- 4.3 Brochure – Eric will be condensing the information from the brochure into 1 page for the City Planning and Zoning Dept to provide as a handout when people are applying and receiving building permits

#### 5. Review Upcoming Dates – See above

6. Ending Items – Adjourn – Nicole motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ryan D seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 18th from 12-1 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor City Hall and virtual via Zoom. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Thank you.