Lewiston Disability Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2024 - 12:00 PM
Lewiston City Hall – Back Conference Room – 1134 F Street
Lewiston, Idaho 83501

Members Attending: Chairman Constance Vance, Eric Peterson, Mark Havens, Amy Brogan, Matthew Ruth, Mike Feeney

Members Not Attending: Jessica Grainger

Non-Members Attending: Nikki Province, Leah Burris

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting called to order at 12:03pm.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. None.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. None.

IV. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. **2023 ADA TRANSITION PLAN:** HR Director Nikki Province discusses taking the 2023 Annual Transition Plan Report to Leadership. She shared DAC's feedback with Leadership and hopes in the future to incorporate more information from every department in the annual report. She is asking DAC to officially adopt the 2023 report. Mr. Ruth motions to adopt the 2023 Annual Report and Ms. Brogan seconds the motion. All members vote to adopt the report

B. **MEETING MINUTES**: Chairman Vance motions to approve the minutes from August 8, 2024. Mr. Havens seconds the motion. All members vote to approve the minutes.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Mr. Havens shares a conversation he had with a citizen about after-hours transportation. He states he shared with her what he knew which includes that in Asotin County, getting transportation should be easier, but it's not. He explained to this citizen about Interlink's role and she stated going to and from support groups and weekend events is the hardest. He continues that DAC could invite the City's Transit Manager, however, he knows she will say that demand is not enough for evening hours transportation and there is not enough money. Any issue can be fixed with money, however, no one wants to pay for it. He states this issue could be a future agenda item. Mr. Peterson states if Transit had Dial-A-Ride running, they would also need to run regular

Transit buses, otherwise it's a discrimination issue, and running both would cost significantly more. Ms. Province and Chairman Vance discuss the option of putting this topic on a future agenda item. Mr. Havens states he is fine with discussing it in a meeting but wants to actually focus on a solution, not just overly dissect the problem. He states the Fire department might have a perspective on this as they transport to the hospital and may sometimes transfer people back home. Mr. Peterson recommends inviting the Fire department, Transit Manager Suzanne Seigneur, and the Mayor.

VI. <u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS</u>

A. None.

VII. <u>STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS</u>

A. Ms. Province provides an update on the reporting software the Information Systems and Securities Department has been working on and they are hoping it will be available in October.

B. Ms. Province shares a portion of the ADA Transition Plan which suggests DAC advocate for a Utility Franchise Fee which would help provide funding for sidewalks. Mr. Havens states he would really like to see that happen as it could assist with current issues, like the transportation issue he shared, and would like this put on a future agenda. Mr. Havens would also like to re-discuss FILO (fees in lieu of) fees.

VIII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

A. Meeting adjourned at 12:33pm.