



**Lewiston Disability Advisory Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 9, 2026 - 12:00 PM**  
**Lewiston City Hall – Back Conference Room – 1134 F Street**  
**Lewiston, Idaho 83501**

Members Attending: Chairman Constance Vance, Jessica Grainger, Jolene Cliffe, Mark Havens

Members Not Attending: Matthew Ruth

Non-Members Attending: Councilor Kassee Forsmann, Nikki Province, Leah Burris

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Meeting called to order at 12:01pm.

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- a. None.

**C. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**a. PRESENTATION ON THE APPLICATION FOR DOWNWINDER RADIATION**

**COMPENSATION ACT** - Presentation by Mark Havens on Idaho Downwinders who are diagnosed with qualifying cancers that may be eligible now for compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

- i. Mr. Havens provides a brochure on the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. This program provides compensation for those who may have been impacted by radioactive materials in certain areas of the United States between 1945-1962. To claim compensation, you do not need a lawyer but lawyers are advertising their assistance. The brochure provided is Nevada's. There is no Idaho brochure as there is no Idaho office. A contact from the Las Vegas office wanted to share the information with Idaho residents as they are probably not aware of this program. A qualified person can claim up to \$100,000 from the federal government. To be a qualified person, you have to be able to prove you lived at least one year in an impacted area during a specific time period. School records, tax records, voting records, medical records, pay stubs, etc. If a qualified person has passed away, a child or grandchild can file a claim. There also has to be a cancer diagnosis from a list of specific types of cancer. The cancer also has to be a primary cancer. Medical records for a deceased person from decades ago can be very difficult to find or obtain. Death certificates that list the cancer as the cause of death, or if the obituary lists cause of death, that may work. The person does not have to have died from the cancer. There have been 300 claims started. It can take up to a year to get payment. Claims can be submitted via paper or online. Ms. Grainger asks if the qualifying person is deceased and they have multiple children, how is the payment split? Mr. Havens states it does help if the children file jointly, but only one child has to submit the claim and supporting documentation, but in the application you have to declare your living siblings and the person submitting the claim only gets their portion, however, the siblings would have to submit a claim

(without the supporting documentation) to get their portion. Mr. Havens notes there are probably a lot of qualified people that do not have the resources to track down documentation and submit a claim.

- b. **2025 ADA TRANSITION PLAN** – Review and approve the 2025 annual ADA Transition Plan Update
  - i. Ms. Province provides copies of a draft of the 2025 Annual Transition Plan Update. Mr. Havens states on page 3, on the population chart, it might be helpful to have a history of the population to show trends. The percentages do not exactly make sense. Ms. Province reviews some of the other items in the update. Ms. Province states DAC could adopt the update at next month’s meeting if they need more time to review it.
- c. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – Approval of the January 8, 2026 meeting minutes
  - i. Mr. Havens would like it noted that February and March meetings were cancelled due to lack of quorum.
  - ii. Mr. Havens motions to approve the minutes and Ms. Cliffe seconds the motion. All members vote to approve the minutes.

**D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Approval of the 2025 Annual ADA Transition Plan Update will be placed on the May 2026 agenda.
- b. Mr. Havens would still like to have a UGM presentation.

**E. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- a. None.

**F. STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS**

- a. None.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. The meeting adjourned at 1:04pm.