



**Lewiston Disability Advisory Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 11, 2026 - 12:00 PM**  
**Lewiston City Hall – Back Conference Room – 1134 F Street**  
**Lewiston, Idaho 83501**

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

Members Not Attending: None.

Non-Members Attending: Streets Manager Jason Thompson, Police Captain Jeff Klone, Councilor Kasee Forsmann, Nikki Province, Leah Burris

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Meeting called to order at 11:58am

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- a. None.

**C. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. **VISIBILITY AND SAFETY OF CROSSWALKS** – Police Captain Jeff Klone and Street Maintenance Manager Jason Thompson will be present to address questions and concerns regarding crosswalks with low visibility, specifically in the downtown area, and if improvements can be made.
  - i. Chairman Vance describes some dangerous experiences she’s had using crosswalks downtown. The group agrees a lot of people still don’t know the speed limit is only 20mph, not 25mph. Mr. Thompson states the two crosswalks being discussed are both lighted. Captain Klone discusses the laws of crosswalks. Mr. Havens states a lot of people don’t even use the crosswalks. Mr. Ruth asks about the possibility of a raised sidewalk. Mr. Thompson states those are problematic during wintertime if there is ice or snow. Chairman Vance asks if there’s the option to change the yellow crosswalk lights to red. Mr. Thompson states changing it to a street light would cost \$40,000-50,000 each. The group agrees if the yellow lights were not flashing all the time, and only flashing when a pedestrian needs to cross, that might make drivers pay more attention to it. Ms. Grainger states drivers are always in a rush and that probably won’t change. Captain Klone states two way traffic would also make it safer for pedestrians. He also adds a few times the Police Department has put a plain clothes officer downtown to use the crosswalks to catch drivers not following the laws regarding them, but it’s not a long term solution. Chairman Vance asks if the City can add more signs. Mr. Thompson states the City could, but there’s already so many signs that people now ignore them and they’re going to be removing some. Mr. Ruth asks where the 20mph sign is. He also asks about the effectiveness of paint markings on the street. Mr. Thompson states he would have to look up the effectiveness of that, but it would entail a lot of maintenance. Councilor Forsmann

asks about camera traffic enforcement but Captain Klone said Idaho does not allow that for issuing citations. Mr. Havens states the City also does not have any crosswalks with audio signals. Mr. Thompson states the City pushed for a big downtown improvement a few years ago but it was rejected by citizens, and that is one of the improvements that would have been made. Mr. Thompson states he will look into the markings on the street itself. Ms. Burris asks Captain Klone if they have a motorcycle officer that could patrol downtown. Captain Klone states that's the plan but with recent resignations, they may not be able to. Chairman Vance states she wants to be proactive in finding a solution rather than waiting until someone gets hit. Captain Klone and Mr. Thompson state they can only take action on data. Mr. Havens states there are a lot more close calls because of the flashing yellow left turn lights. Mr. Thompsons states the flashing yellow lights were adopted nationwide several years before Lewiston. National data suggests it does make intersections safer, but Lewiston does have odd traffic patterns. And traditional engineering techniques don't necessarily work in the LC Valley. Mr. Havens states he also takes issue with the delivery trucks and semis that are allowed to park in a driving lane on Main street and other streets. Ms. Burris suggests having the City's Public Outreach Coordinator do an education campaign about downtown speed limits and sidewalk safety. Hr. Havens also adds the 20mph speed limit extends longer down Main street than most people probably realize. Mr. Thompson states there is a method cities use called "Road Diets" to limit vehicle traffic to make areas safer for pedestrians. Mr. Thompson also talks about a heat map some places use to collect data, but it can be pricey.

#### **D. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- a. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – Approval of the May 14, 2026 meeting minutes – *Action item*
  - i. Moving to next meeting due to time.

#### **E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Ms. Province will continue to reach out to UGM. Ms. Cliffe states she is at UGM fairly regularly and she can speak with them.

#### **F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** – *Comments should not be related to an item currently before the Commission or an item that may come before the Commission in the foreseeable future, and should be limited to comments, not discussion.*

- a. None.

#### **G. STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS**

- a. Ms. Province states there are two vacancies if anyone knows someone that's interested.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 1:02pm

#### **Vision**

Our vision is a community where people of all abilities and ages are fully integrated and valued.

#### **Mission**

To advise city leaders and residents on the reduction of barriers and the promotion of full accessibility through education and advocacy.

Jolene Cliffe – Term expires 08/28  
Mark Havens - Term Expires 07/27  
Constance Vance - Term Expires 07/27  
VACANT

Matt Ruth- Term Expires 06/29  
Jessica Grainger - Term Expires 09/28  
VACANT

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