



Lewiston Disability Advisory Commission
MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2023 - 12:00 PM
Lewiston City Hall – Back Conference Room – 1134 F Street
Lewiston, Idaho 83501

Members Attending: Constance Vance, Amy Brogan, Mark Havens, Matthew Ruth, Mike Feeney, Jessica Grainger

Members Not Attending: Eric Peterson

Non-Members Attending: Melinda Rose, Nikki Province, Leah Burris

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a Meeting called to order at 12:06pm.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- a None.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a None.

IV. ACTIVE AGENDA

- a ITD STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM GRANT:

Chairman Vance states she has proposals and letters of support for the Strategic Initiatives Grant Program for construction on Snake River Avenue. Grant Manager Melinda Grant updates the group on the information she has regarding the grant. Chairman Vance states the construction will include a third lane on a portion of Snake River Avenue that will include ADA ramps, sidewalks, etc. This is just one of three parts of the whole project. Ms. Rose explains these projects have been on the construction list for quite a while. If the City applies for this grant and receives it, this project can be removed from the federal funding list which can make other projects on that list more of a priority. Mr. Havens asks about who covers the cost of sidewalks in certain situations and Ms. Rose states she's not familiar with that. Mr. Havens states he just wonders if the City is paying for something that property owners should be responsible for. Ms. Rose provided the group with two different proposals for the group to review. Mr. Ruth motions to approve both letters to be submitted in support of the grant. Ms. Brogan asks about a typo on the letter for the Snake River Avenue letter, which she assumes will be corrected before being submitted. Chairman Vance states the letter would be corrected before being submitted. Mr. Feeney asks if Mr. Peterson has reviewed these letter. Chairman Vance and Ms. Province state he has and that he also plans to submit his own letters of support. Mr. Havens asks about slopes for wheelchair ramps on streets that are steeper than how steep ramps are supposed to be, and if the ramp could match the slope of the street, or does the ramp have to be modified to have a less steep slope than the street. Mr. Feeney discusses ramps in Lewiston and inquiring about them.

Ms. Province believes this was addressed in the ADA Transition Plan. Mr. Havens seconds the motion to submit the letters of support. The committee votes and the motion passes.

b. MEETING MINUTES:

Ms. Grainger motions to approve the minutes from June and July. Mr. Feeney seconds the motion. The committee votes and the motion passes.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Mr. Feeney and Chairman Vance discuss bringing back a discussion regarding an elevator from Downtown up to Normal Hill. The group agrees it may be worth discussing again.
- b. Mr. Havens asks if there are handrails on the staircase by Pioneer Park. The group states there may be some in places but not throughout the whole stairway. He also discusses if the ramp from Prospect Ave to Snake river Ave has a handrail.
- c. Ms. Province states Assistant City Planner Katie Hollingshead will present on the Comprehensive Plan next month.
- d. Mr. Havens states it was previously discussed to have various transportation agencies attend a meeting together.
- e. Mr. Havens states he also sits on a County Board of Community Guardians. Tecla Druffel heads this committee and the group could have her attend and speak about what the committee encounters.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a. Mr. Havens states unfortunately Interlink did not receive a recent grant they applied for. The successful applicants were all in western Washington.

VII. STAFF LIASON COMMENTS

- a. None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Mr. Ruth motions to adjourn and Ms. Brogan seconds. The motion passes and the meeting is adjourned at 12:41pm.